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ALLIES ATTACK ALONG 3-MILE YPRES LINE

British and French Capture Several German Trenches and a Number of Prisoners Between Hollebecke and Wytchaete, South of Ypres.

Army Headquarters at Vienna Acknowledges Evacuation of Belgrade, Made Necessary by Retirement of Right Wing.

German Cruiser Enters American Port of Guam and Is Ordered to Depart in 24 Hours or Intern for the War.

LONDON, Dec. 15.—The Official Information Bureau today gave out the following statement:

"After a period of comparative quiet, the fighting in Northern France has recommenced. A combined attack by the allies was made yesterday on the line from Hollebecke to Wytchaete in Belgium. Several German trenches and a number of prisoners were captured, and substantial progress was made."

Wytchaete is five miles south of Ypres, Belgium, and Hollebecke lies about three miles northeast of Wytchaete. Consequently, the line referred to in the statement is about three miles long.

May Cover Wider Territory. The statement issued by the bureau was interpreted in some quarters as marking the beginning of the much discussed attempt to make a general advance. It will be noticed that the statement refers to fighting in Northern France, as well as in Belgium. This is taken to mean that the offensive movement stretches over a considerable area. It has been known for some time that the British army headquarters has been pushed to the eastward, and it is consequently assumed by British observers that the allies have made more progress than has been chronicled.

North of the Ypres line, the Miaw front, the struggle seems to be favoring the Russians, but neither side claims a decisive victory anywhere along the Eastern front. The final engagement still remains to be fought out between the Russians and the Austrians.

Military observers in London, commenting on Russia's failure to clear Poland of German troops, dwell on the fact that even Russia's vast resources in men may continue to prove unavailing unless existing methods of communication are improved. On two occasions Russian forces approaching the German frontier have been driven back by reason of the remarkable system of German railways, which enables Germany to move her troops expeditiously, and it has been suggested that Russia should begin at once the construction of new transverse lines in Poland, and improvement of existing lines. Temporary lines, it is argued, could be laid at the rate of ten or twelve miles a day.

Jeffrey Feeling Out Situation. While it seems clear that Germany is operating her main force in Poland, there is still no outward indication of a general advance on the part of the allies in the West. That Gen. Jeffrey, the French Commander in Chief, is feeling out the situation seems apparent, but so long as artillery duels continue to constitute most of the fighting only slow progress has been expected, as it is a military maxim that guns alone cannot bring a decision.

Germany has shelled so many of her troops to the Eastern arena that the allies now must clearly outnumber them in France and Flanders. This condition, taken together with the fact of French and British reinforcements, is leading Berlin, according to report, to expect pronounced activity on the part of the allies at any moment.

AUSTRIANS GIVE UP BELGRADE

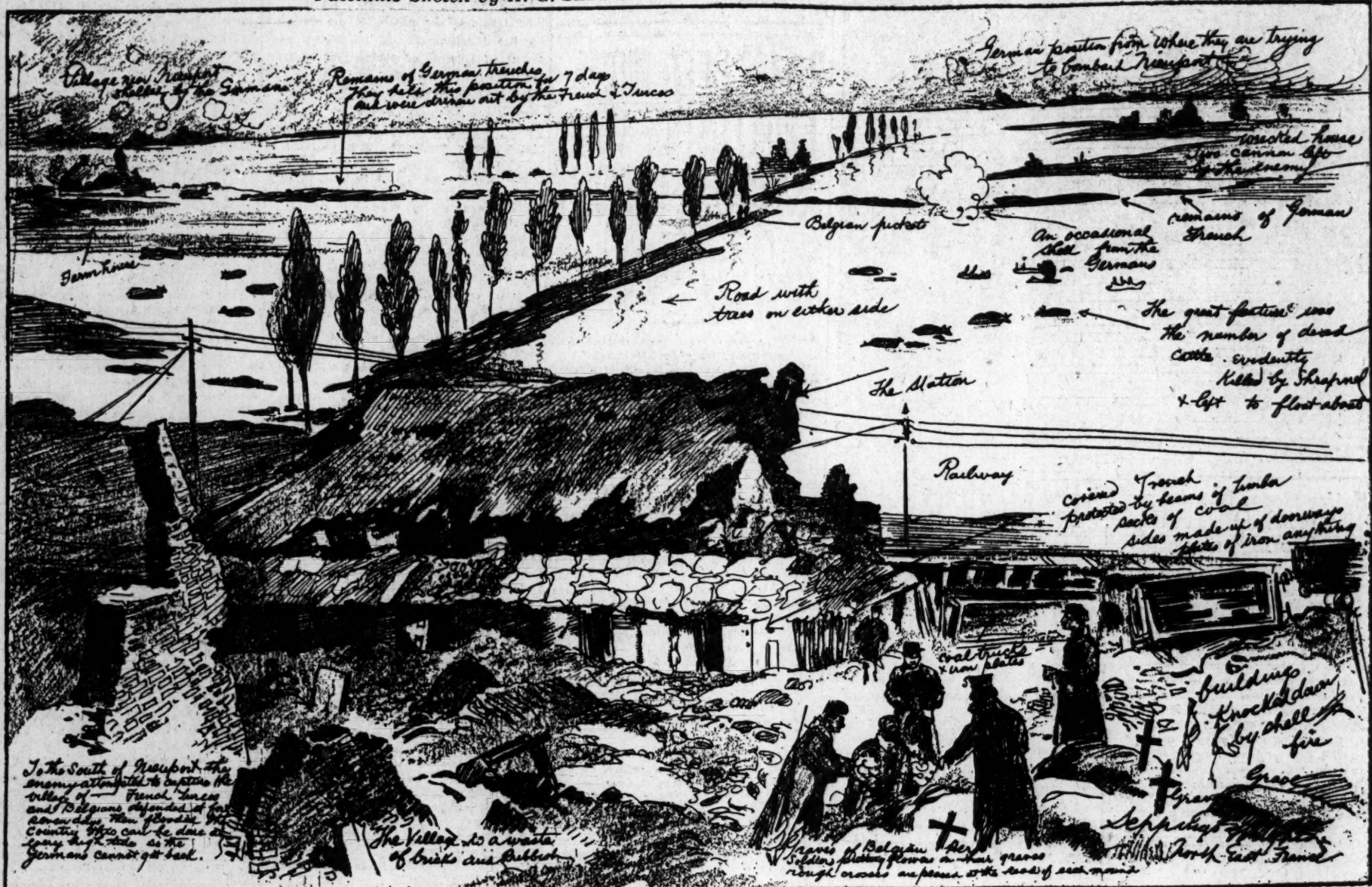
Servian Capital Evacuated Without Fighting Owing to Retirement of Right Wing.

VIENNA, via London, Dec. 15.—The abandonment of Belgrade by the Austrians is acknowledged in an official statement given out at army headquarters today. The statement follows: "In the Southern theater of war the retirement of our right wing involved change in the military situation, which made it advisable for us to abandon Belgrade, which was evacuated without fighting. Our troops have fought long and arduous battles, but are in the best of spirits. Following a stage of four months, the Austrians occupied Belgrade Dec. 2."

French Retain Conquered Positions: Germans Gain in Alsace. PARIS, Dec. 15.—The War Office's official announcement, given out this afternoon, follows: "Between the sea and the Alps the front has remained stationary. The French retain the positions they captured in Alsace."

Battlefield, South of Nieuport, Belgium, Flooded to Drive Germans Out

Facsimile Sketch by H. C. SEPPINGS WRIGHT for the Illustrated London News



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The floods spread by the Belgians in the valley of Yser have played an important part in the operations. They were planned by a Belgian engineer in charge of the sluices at Nieuport, and he has received the Order of King Leopold for his services. Describing the situation on November 2, five days after the inundation began, the now-famous British Headquarters "Eye-witness" wrote: "The inundation round Nieuport had by this day reached the enemy's trenches, and it is stated that two heavy guns and some field artillery had to be abandoned in the mud."

A very fierce fight took place for the possession of Ramskapelle, a village some three miles south of Nieuport. At one time the Germans broke through the Belgian lines there, and, as this would have opened the way to Furnes, it was necessary to retake the village at any cost. The task was achieved by four battalions assisted by French reinforcements, including the Algerian riflemen, whose gallant charges, it is said, saved the situation. The village itself has been battered to pieces by shell-fire. Near by is a farm where the battery of German guns sank up to the axels in water. The French official communiqué of Nov. 20 said: "In front of Ramskapelle two mortars of 165 mm., which had been abandoned by the Germans, were recovered from the water." At a farm on higher ground 400 Germans, it is said, were cut off by the floods, and were shot in detail as they tried to escape.

COLD IS TO CONTINUE TONIGHT AND TOMORROW

THE TEMPERATURES.	7 a. m.	10 a. m.	1 p. m.	4 p. m.	7 p. m.
High...	15	15	15	15	15
Low...	5	5	5	5	5

Yesterday's Temperatures. High... 15 at 5 p. m. Low... 3 at 7 a. m.

While St. Louis still shivered at the opening of the season's initial cold wave this morning, the temperature was slightly higher than on the preceding day.

The official Weather Bureau thermometer registered 4 degrees above zero at 6 a. m. and 6 degrees at 7 a. m., compared with yesterday's minimum of 3 degrees, which was recorded at 7:30 a. m.

Official forecast for St. Louis and vicinity: Partly cloudy, and continued cold tonight and tomorrow; the lowest tonight will be about 10.

Cold Wave in East to Continue Two Days.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 15.—Two more days of cold weather for the eastern section of the country was predicted today by the Weather Bureau. The cold weather of the season thus far prevailed today generally East of the Mississippi River and in the Northwest.

BABY IS BROUGHT INTO LIFE AFTER ITS MOTHER DIES

Special to the Post-Dispatch. NEW YORK, Dec. 15.—A remarkable surgical operation—there is only one other like it on record in New York—was performed last night at the Beth David Hospital, and a girl was brought into the world alive and healthy four minutes after the death of her mother.

The woman was Mrs. Sadie Major, 20 years old. Her husband died recently. She was brought to the hospital by her father about 3:30 o'clock yesterday afternoon. As she was awaiting the coming of Dr. Nathan Blaustein, the house surgeon, she told her father she would like to walk to the corner and back, for she felt faint, and thought the fresh air would revive her.

On the street she collapsed. Supt. Abel, who had not wanted her to leave the hospital and had been watching her, sent attendants to assist her back to the hospital. Soon after the young woman was attacked by convulsions. In the midst of which she died.

Dr. Blaustein, who had reached her bedside, realized there was a slight possibility of saving the life of the child and in four minutes after Mrs. Major died a Caesarian operation had brought the little girl into the world. She was unconscious, but after 10 minutes' work at resuscitation, the main feature of which was alternating applications of hot and cold water, the infant opened her eyes and presently was crying shrilly.

ELEPHANTS AND CAMELS LOOSE ON WASHINGTON AV.

4 Circus Animals Escape From Keepers, Block Street Cars and Excite Crowds.

Two camels and two elephants belonging to a circus, "stampeded" at Jefferson and Washington avenues at 11 o'clock today when keepers started with them from the Coliseum, where they had been doing menagerie duty at the Pan-American negro Kermis, to the circus winter quarters on Bremen avenue.

The procession, headed by a hippopotamus in a cage, followed by four camels and the two elephants, was just swinging into Washington avenue when two of the camels came as near kicking up their heels as camels can, broke away from the keeper who was leading them, and went snorting in zigzag course east on Washington avenue.

The elephants caught the spirit of insurrection, but it affected them differently. The smaller one, remembering that the Coliseum had been warm, sat down with its full seating capacity or the car track and trumpeted a refusal to proceed any further. The big one preferred action and dragged its companion half a block.

Animals Finally Recaptured. The flying camels were overtaken below Twenty-first street and rounded up. The tug-of-war between the elephants was declared a draw. The procession was reassembled and proceeded without further trouble. Motormen of blocked cars changed their bells and started up and the interested populace dispersed.

Fence and Back Porch Stolen. The police in reporting the disappearance of the entire fence and back porch on the vacant premises at 1532 Singleton street yesterday expressed the belief that persons in destitute circumstances may have used the wood for fuel. The property is owned by L. D. Bolger of 1917 Cora avenue.

A good many persons are beginning to realize that AT THIS TIME unusual real estate bargains can be picked up and these persons are watching the Post-Dispatch Real Estate Columns.

SCANDINAVIA'S 3 KINGS TO MEET; UNIT AGAINST WAR

Conference at Malmo Friday Will Evidence the Removal of Strained Relations.

COPENHAGEN, Dec. 15.—By invitation of King Gustav of Sweden, King Haakon of Norway and King Christian of Denmark will visit him at Malmo, Southern Sweden, next Friday and Saturday.

The three Kings will be accompanied by their Ministers of Foreign Affairs and secretaries, and will discuss affairs of common interest, which have arisen as a result of the war, and especially measures for helping the economic situation in Scandinavia.

The meeting of the three Kings will be the first conference of these three monarchs since the outbreak of the war. The newspapers of the three kingdoms are expressing the greatest satisfaction at this evidence that the strained relations between the royal families of Norway and Sweden have come to an end with this holding out of the olive branch by King Gustav.

The political object of the meeting is to demonstrate that Scandinavian represents a military and economic entity ready to resist outside pressure to take sides with any belligerent and able to defend its neutrality and resist violations of international law. These, the Scandinavian Governments allege, are greatly hampering their trade and commercial intercourse with other nations.

LONDON, Dec. 15.—A Petrograd dispatch to the Daily News says that the German camp has led the Stockholm cabinet to consult with Denmark and Norway regarding a joint formula for guaranteeing their position and independence.

MAN, 67, DIES FROM EXPOSURE

Found Dead in Yard a Rear of Boarding Place. George Stillwell, 67 years old, was found dead in the yard in the rear of his boarding place, 230 Eugenia street, at 3:30 a. m. today. Death apparently had been caused by exposure.

Stillwell formerly was a baggage handler at Union Station, but had not worked since last June. Mrs. Nora McCarthy, the landlady, said he frequently stayed out until late at night and friends sometimes brought him home.

Von Spee Hoped He'd Meet Many Englishmen at Bottom of Sea

COUNT VON HORNBOEHL recalls an utterance of Admiral Count von Spee before his departure for the Orient two years ago to command the cruiser squadron in reply to a query as to what he should do in case of war.

Admiral von Spee was in command of the German squadron, four vessels of which were sunk by the British warships under Vice-Admiral Sir Frederick Sturdee in the South Atlantic, a week ago today. In reply to the query, Count von Spee said:

"I hope I may meet many Englishmen at the bottom of the sea."

British Nobleman Killed in a Flag-of-Truce Trap

LONDON, Dec. 15.—Members of the families of the Marquis of Tweeddale and the Earl of Aylesford have laid before the War Office in London, evidence that Lord Arthur Hay, the heir presumptive to the Tweeddale marquisate, and Lord Guernsey, the eldest son of the Earl of Aylesford, were killed by Germans who bore a flag of truce.

Both the young noblemen were subalterns in the Irish Guards. With a detachment of their regiment they were on a reconnaissance when Lord Hay caught sight of a group of Germans headed by an officer carrying a white flag. Ordering their men to halt, the two Lieutenants advanced toward the enemy. Suddenly a murderous fire burst forth from the branches of some trees upon which a dozen German snipers were perched, concealed by the foliage. The party with the flag of truce was directly beneath this tree. Lord Hay and Lord Guernsey fell instantly, their bodies torn by many bullets.

The Irish Guardsmen charged forward and killed every one of the enemy, returning to the British lines with the blood-stained white banner as evidence of what had occurred.

CONGRESSMAN'S RATIONS 99C A DAY; DIPLOMATS' 90C

WASHINGTON, Dec. 15.—The committee which is making arrangements for the formal opening of the Panama Canal next March is attempting to ascertain the probable cost to the Government of taking the diplomatic corps and the members of Congress to the celebration.

One ship will be used exclusively by the diplomatic corps. Two vessels will be needed to accommodate the national legislators.

Today this estimate was placed before the committee:

Rations for Ambassadors, 90 cents per day.

Rations for Congressmen, 90 cents per day.

There was no explanation.

GRAFT OF \$10,000 A YEAR UNCOVERED AT JEFFERSON CITY

Post-Dispatch Reporter Discovers State Employees Sell Information to Various Interests.

BARKER IS CONSIDERING PLAN TO RECOVER MONEY

Attorney-General Declares Action of Insurance and State Department Clerks in Supplying Lists of Auto Owners and Facts About Corporations Is Unlawful.

By a Staff Correspondent of the Post-Dispatch.

JEFFERSON CITY, Dec. 15.—A Post-Dispatch reporter discovered today that employees in two departments of the State Government are selling official information to corporations and periodicals for which they receive probably more than \$10,000 a year, and although the money has not been paid into the treasury, Attorney-General Barker says it belongs to the State.

When the facts were laid before Barker he said that the selling of information by any officer or employee of the State is unlawful and wrong and those who received the money for such work will be compelled to pay it into the State Treasury.

Barker estimated that the traffic in information conducted by the State Department and the Insurance Department will reach \$10,000 or \$12,000 a year in the aggregate.

Three Admit Getting Money. James W. Walsh, corporation attorney in the office of Secretary of State Charles Yapiere, a clerk in the automobile registration section of the State Department, and Means Ray, chief clerk in the insurance department, when confronted with the evidence that they are selling information, admitted that it was true, but said they did not know that they were doing wrong and insisted that they received far less for the work than Barker estimated.

Lapierre said that he did not think the amount he received for information would amount to more than \$300 a year. In the next breath, however, he made a statement which showed he is receiving nearly three times as much for one item alone.

Lapierre said he was selling the list of automobile registrations to the St. Louis Daily Record for 1 cent each. More than 54,000 automobile owners have obtained licenses already this year and the total will reach nearly 60,000, which at 1 cent each, would amount to nearly \$600.

Auto License Lists Valuable. Representatives of private information bureaus, of which there are a number in Jefferson City, say that automobile concerns pay \$75 each for a list of the year's registrations and Barker pointed out that only 100 such lists would have to be sold to net the person who sold them \$7500.

Walsh said he was selling information about corporations to the R. G. Dun Agency, but that it did not pay him more than \$3 or \$10 per month.

Secretary of State Cornelius Roach declared it could not be possible that any of his clerks or employees were selling information.

"I know that my office force is not selling information," said Roach, "because I have issued orders that they must attend strictly to office duties during office hours, and promptly at closing time, which is 5 p. m., all of our records are locked in the steel vaults. Only my chief clerk and I know the combination to these vaults."

In making this statement, Roach did not know that Walsh and Lapierre had admitted selling information. The reporter had in his possession evidence to show that Means Ray was selling information to two insurance magazines, the Western Underwriter, published in Chicago, and the Insurance Field, published in Louisville, Ky.

Admits Sales to Magazines. When asked if he was selling to these periodicals, Ray admitted that he was. When asked if he was supplying information to other concerns, he declared that he was not.

Mrs. Laura Green, who operates a private news agency here, said she formerly contributed to the Western Underwriter and that she received about \$100 per year for the work.

She said that when the magazine notified her of her dismissal, the publisher wrote a letter praising her work, but told her they had been notified that two young men in the Insurance Department were selling information from there, and the magazine feared to antagonize the department.

The Information Bureau in the Insurance Department formerly consisted of Ray and Fred Crockett, another clerk, and was known as the Ray-Crockett News Agency. Ray said Crockett had resigned from the agency and that he was handling the work alone.

Barker believes that a number of other clerks in the various departments are selling information, but said the facts probably could only be obtained by an official investigation, in which they will be placed under oath.

Expected Governor to Object. He also will collect evidence from corporations and other sources which he believes have been paying for information. Barker was preparing to go out of the city when news today, and did not know whether he could bring action for the return of the money to the treasury without instructions to do so from Gov. Major, but expressed the belief that the Governor would not countenance the action of the news-selling syndicate.

He said he would take the subject up with the Governor on his return tomorrow and demand a thorough investigation.

Ray and Crockett formerly furnished information to the St. Louis Republic for use in its financial column, but Ray said that avenue of income had been closed.

Mrs. Green said a few months ago the clerks in the State Department were withholding from the records, automobile registrations, for several days at a time, and that when she finally obtained the lists for her clients, they would inform her they had obtained the information from other sources.

She said she complained to Roach about this and he replied: "I am running this office."

WOMAN TELLS OF BEING HELD UP IN HER OFFICE

Manager of Money Lending Concern Says She Was Robbed of \$100.

Miss Carrie Thomas, manager of the State Credit Co., a money-lending concern in 1008 18th Railway Exchange Building, today told a policeman a strange story that two men, one of whom was armed with a revolver, came into her office at 11:30 a. m. and robbed her of \$100.

At police headquarters, shortly before noon, a telephone message was received that Miss Thomas wanted to see a policeman. Twenty minutes later she told a policeman that she was sitting at her desk in the middle of the room when two men entered. One, she said, closed the transom over the door, and the other suddenly drew a revolver and said he "wanted the money in there," pointing to a cash drawer. She said she gave him \$100 and that the men departed after warning her that if she made an outcry they would kill her. She then telephoned to police headquarters. She gave a description of two men to the police.

GOATS FOR CHRISTMAS GIFTS

Alton Club to Distribute Animals to 50 Families.

The 25 goats which the members of the Wigwam Club landed at Alton yesterday are to be used for Christmas presents.

The Wigwam Club reared the flock of goats on an island in the Illinois River as a sort of living mowing machine and underbrush remover.

Big Increase in U. S. Merchant Marine. WASHINGTON, Dec. 15.—The American merchant marine has been increased by 191 vessels, with a total displacement of 51,728 gross tons, since Sept. 1, according to an announcement yesterday by the Department of Commerce.

U. S. HAD A REAL FEAR OF ATTACK IN 1913, SAYS HOBSON

He Says He Told of Philippine Defense Preparations to Prove He Is No Visionary.

GUNNERS KEPT ON WATCH

Congressman Asserts Other Steps Were Taken at Time of Alien Land Controversy.

By Wire From the Washington Bureau of the Post-Dispatch.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 15.—Asserting that he was "tired of being called a visionary and accused of seeing things," Congressman Hobson explained today why he made his statement last yesterday before the House Naval Committee that the United States feared a military attack in May, 1913, when the California alien land troubles were acute.

Hobson today also pressed the Naval Committee to call Col. Roosevelt as a witness, because of the knowledge he should have of the national defense.

Hobson's unexpected statement before the committee was the most interesting episode of the three days Secretary Daniels spent on the witness stand. As the Secretary concluded his testimony and Capt. A. S. Winterhalter wound up the odds and ends of the estimates, Congressman Hobson and Capt. Winterhalter engaged in a sparring match over the question of preparedness.

It was during this discussion that Congressman Hobson suddenly challenged Secretary Daniels to deny that gunners slept by their guns at Corregidor, at the entrance to Manila Bay, in May, 1913, and were prepared for a siege by the Japanese.

Step by Their Guns.
"I have known how things were going for years," said Hobson today, "but I decided yesterday that I should get into today's details. It will be noted that my statements were not denied by Secretary Daniels."

"It is true that our gunners, expecting a Japanese attack any hour of the day or night, slept by their guns at Corregidor Island, when the California land troubles were at their height. It is further true that we had 16,000 tons of provisions quickly assembled there. We prepared for a two years' siege."

"I know also that a launch was kept waiting for days to bring to Corregidor the Governor of the Philippine Islands. Corregidor is the only spot under our flag which is absolutely protected. You cannot sneak up from behind on it. You must approach by water or not at all, and there can be no attack from the rear such as is possible, for instance, at Manila. We have a number of big guns at Corregidor, how many I shall not say, but we are adequately protected at this spot alone; hence the preparations to move the Government from Manila."

Why Conflict Was Avoided.
"I believe that war with Japan was avoided at this time only because of their hope that we were soon going to give up the Philippines and they would obtain possession of them in peace."

"I may also state that I know that when the California school segregation was agitated, several years previously, Japan had its eye on the Philippines to such an extent that it happened out in advance a form of government for the islands. The public does not know how near we were to war on these occasions."

Amplifying his statement that the waters about Corregidor Island were mined at the time of the threatened invasion a year and a half ago, Hobson said: "The harbor was mined just as thoroughly as the harbors of the warring nations of Europe are mined today. I doubt not that the provisions rushed to Corregidor at that time are still there today."

"Were the Japanese alert also?" Hobson was asked.
"They were as alert as we were," he answered. "The situation was very critical."

Challenge to Daniels.
Hobson's challenge to the Secretary of the Navy yesterday was:
"The Secretary of the Navy is here. I have said that in the month of May, 1913, and for several weeks of that year, our gunners at Corregidor Island stayed at their guns night and day. The harbors were mined. Troops were sent there. Everything was prepared as for a two years' siege. Everything had been moved there excepting the Government and that was ready to move. It did not take any vision to see that. I have noticed other things from time to time."

"Now I will ask the Secretary of the Navy if I speak the truth. If what I have stated is not the truth let him deny it."

All eyes were turned upon Secretary Daniels, who was crumpling a bit of paper in his hands. There was silence. The Secretary did not answer the challenge and Hobson remarked triumphantly:

"I don't want people to say any more that I am seeing things."

Petrograd Without Water;
Conduits Blocked by Ice
LONDON, Dec. 15.—A dispatch to Reuters' Telegram Co. from Petrograd says the city is without water owing to the blocking of the Neva River conduits by ice. Factories are shutting down and the tea shops and bathhouses also are closing. The people are fearful that should a fire break out large damage will result.

This is the first time the conduits have been stopped by ice since 1892.

Arthur Brisbane to Be Operated On.
ATLANTA, Ga., Dec. 15.—Arthur Brisbane, editor of the New York Evening Journal, was removed from his hotel to a private hospital following the arrival here of Dr. R. W. Wylie of New York. Brisbane is now said to be suffering from appendicitis, and an operation will be performed today.

Scene Showing Workmen Starting to Remove Telephone Poles From King's Highway



Allies Attack in France and Belgium; Gain Near Ypres

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English have occupied a little forest to the west of Wythaele. The ground gained yesterday by our troops along the Ypres Canal and to the west of Hellebeke has been retained despite a vigorous counter attack on the part of the enemy.

"From the Belgian frontier to the Somme there is nothing to report. From the Somme to the Argonne there has been intermittent cannonading. Excepting in the region of Crouy, this artillery fighting has not been spirited. In the Argonne we have made progress and retained the advances made by us on preceding days."

"In the Vosges the railroad station of St. Leonard, to the south of St. Die, has been violently bombed by the Germans from a considerable distance."

"In Alsace there has been much activity on the part of the enemy's artillery, with the exception of before St. Helrich, where an attack by German infantrymen, coming from Uffholtz, was successful in gaining a foothold. We have everywhere retained the positions won previously by us."

The announcement of last night told principally of the bombardment by the Germans from a great distance, without doing material damage, of the army station of Commercy, seven miles south of St. Mihiel, the point of the German wedge in Eastern France.

Berlin Calls Russian and French Official Reports Inventions.
BERLIN, by wireless to Sayville, N. Y., Dec. 15.—An official report given out at headquarters last night says the following remarks are made regarding the Russian official report, which said: "Southeast of Cracow we continued our offensive. We took several German guns and machine guns and made about 200 prisoners."

"Not one man, not one gun nor one machine gun there has fallen into Russian hands."

"The official Paris bulletin of Dec. 12 states: 'Northeast of Valmy one German battery was completely annihilated and at Deuxnois, to the west of Vigneulles les Hattichthal, two German batteries were destroyed, one of heavy caliber and one destined to fight aeroplanes. In the same region the French have destroyed a block house and several trenches.'

"All this is pure invention." The official Press Bureau today gave out the following:

"The Turkish cruiser Midilli (formerly the Breslau) has been reported to have been sunk by the British in the Aegean Sea. (A previous Russian report told of the Breslau's presence near Sebastopol and of her flight at the approach of Russian aeroplanes.)"

"Vienna newspapers report a mutiny in the army besieging Przemysl. Several battalions are said to have been sent away in fetters."

"The Turkish official bulletin says that the large cruiser Sultan Selim (the Goeben) was completely destroyed on Dec. 10, setting fire to the city. The Russian battleships returned the fire without success."

"Constantinople learns authoritatively that a Mohammedan uprising has occurred in the Caucasus and that 50,000 armed Russian Moslems went over to fight against the Russians."

German Cruiser at Guam Is Ordered to Sail or Interne.
WASHINGTON, Dec. 15.—Arrival of the German converted cruiser Cormoran in the harbor of Guam, an American possession in the Ladrones Archipelago, was officially reported to the Navy Department today by the commandant of the naval station there. It is presumed the German vessel sought the harbor to intern during the war.

The Cormoran has been given 24 hours, from 10 a. m. yesterday, in which to leave the port or intern for the war. She was short of coal, provisions and water.

The Cormoran needed 1000 tons of coal to reach the nearest German port, according to Capt. W. J. Maxwell, Naval Governor of Guam. She was offered 10 tons of coal and fresh water and her captain was given until 10 a. m. today (Guam time) to decide what his future course would be. Secretary Daniels has approved Capt. Maxwell's action and has instructed him not to allow

Kaiser Hopes Naval Defeat Will Be Turned to Blessing for People

BERLIN, Dec. 15.

An official statement given out by the headquarters today contains copies of telegrams exchanged between Emperor William and Johannes Kaempf, President of the Reichstag, regarding the naval battle off the Falkland Islands.

In answer to the telegram of President Kaempf regarding the German loss in this battle, in which Herr Kaempf said that the nation was one with the Emperor in grief at the loss and with pride at the heroic deaths resulting from the fight, the Emperor said:

"May the heavy losses we have been forced to make in this battle for our existence be borne by all and used with a single aim that, supported by an unshaken hope in God, our Lord, from whose gracious hand we humbly receive fortune, misfortune, joy and sorrow, will turn this most difficult hour into a blessing for the Fatherland."

The vessel more coal and provisions than can be spared properly.

Naval officers here believe the Cormoran, although described as a converted cruiser, is really the unprotected cruiser of that name, a sister ship of the Geier, interned at Honolulu several weeks ago. Mystery has surrounded the whereabouts of the ship for several weeks. She was known to have been before Kiauchau during the early part of the war when the Japanese attacked that port and later was reported sunk in Oriental waters.

The Cormoran, built at Danzig in 1892, is 260 feet long, with a displacement of 1600 tons, and makes 18 knots an hour. Her armament consists of eight 4-inch guns, five 1-pounders and two 14-inch torpedo tubes above the water.

Two British Warships, Seeking Dresden, Enter Magellan Strait.
BUENOS AIRES, Dec. 15.—The Minister of Marine has been informed that the British warships have entered the Strait of Magellan in pursuit of the German cruiser Dresden, which has taken refuge at Punta Arenas.

SANTIAGO, Chile, Dec. 15.—It is officially announced that the German cruiser Dresden, now at Punta Arenas, is damaged. She will be allowed to make repairs, but will be compelled to sail immediately afterward or intern. Punta Arenas is a Chilean port.

Noted Cleveland Surgeon to Join American Hospital in France.
CLEVELAND, O., Dec. 15.—Dr. George W. Crile, whose reputation as a surgeon is international, today decided to leave Cleveland Dec. 30 for the American Ambulance Hospital, near Paris, where he will do relief work among wounded soldiers. He will be accompanied by another physician and several nurses.

Night Attacks by Germans West of Warsaw Are Reported.
PETROGRAD, via London, Dec. 15.—German frontal attacks on the Russians to the west of Warsaw under cover of night were successfully repulsed by the Russians, according to trustworthy information reaching Petrograd from the front today. At many points along the front the Russians captured isolated German positions.

Americans Are in Charge of All Hospitals in Belgrade.
WASHINGTON, Dec. 15.—American Red Cross mission workers in Belgrade are now in charge of virtually all the hospital facilities of the Serbian capital. The American Minister at Bucharest, in telegraphic dispatches received by the Red Cross headquarters, reports that the general military hospital, a number of general civil hospitals, a number of Serbian doctors and druggists had been placed under the protection of Dr. Ryan, in charge of the Red Cross mission work in the capital.

A consignment of 500 warm garments, contributed by Denver school children, has been sent to New York for shipment to Europe.

France Proposes \$50,000,000 Appropriation for Relief.
PARIS, Dec. 15.—The Cabinet has decided to ask Parliament an appropriation of 500,000,000 francs (\$80,000,000) for the relief of the sufferings of the population in the departments of France recently evacuated by the Germans.

STEAM DERRICK TO PULL POLES ON KING'S HIGHWAY

Bell Telephone Company Will Remove Former Supports of Wires Tomorrow.

All poles of the Southwestern Telephone and Telegraph Co. on the west side of King's Highway between Lindell and Delmar boulevards will be taken out tomorrow, and it is expected that by night the poles will have been carted away.

Twenty-six will be removed. The poles are to be lifted out by a steam derrick mounted on a wagon. As soon as the apparatus has lifted out a pole and loaded it on a wagon, it will be moved to the next pole.

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Germany Makes Officers Who Escaped Return to Their Prison Camp

ZEEVENAAR, Holland, Dec. 15.—WO German officers, who had been war prisoners here, and who had violated their parole by escaping across the border into Germany, have returned under orders of their Government to do so. The officers reported to the commanding officer at the internment camp at Bergen, where they will be interned until the end of the war. Before the violation of their parole they had had the privilege of free movement.

B-11'S DEED MOST BRILLIANT OF WAR, SAYS U. S. OFFICIAL

British Submarine First Hostile War Craft to Enter Dardanelles Since 1870.

By Wire From the Washington Bureau of the Post-Dispatch.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 15.—A prominent navy officer told the Post-Dispatch correspondent that he considered the destruction of the Turkish battleship Mesoudieh by the British submarine B-11 by far the most brilliant exploit of the war.

"The successful exploit of the B-11 shows in a peculiar degree the tremendous value of the submarine as an element in naval warfare," he said.

"The Dardanelles was supposed to be about the safest water in the world for battleships. It was assumed that any vessel harbored in this narrow strait could not be touched by the enemy."

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City of 30,000 Sends 1250 Men to England's Army.
ST. JOHNS, Newfoundland, Dec. 15.—From this city, with a population of 30,000, about 1250 men have enlisted for service in the British army and navy, 1000 as soldiers and 250 as sailors. This is an average of one in every 25 of the population—an average that, so far as is known here, has been exceeded only at Liverpool, where one person in every 15 has enlisted.

The ability of St. Johns to put so large a force in the field is ascribed by recruiting officers to the fact that for 20 years denominational schools and colleges have maintained boys' brigades, of whom ordinarily about 1000 youths. When the call came four-fifths of those who offered their services were either present or former members of the boys' brigades, and every officer appointed for the regiment had been trained in one of these organizations.

Two British Aviators Are Picked Up in the North Sea.
LONDON, Dec. 15.—A telegram to Reuters' Telegram Co. from Edinburgh, says the Dutch steamer Oran Nassau has picked up two aviators in the North Sea.

The aviators proved to be a British and a German. The British aviator, who had been compelled to descend upon the sea when the motor of their seaplane became disabled, was refused to leave their craft until they were assured they would not be interned in Holland, whither the Oran Nassau was bound.

It was reported that the aviators had been flying over Belgium, where they dropped five bombs.

IRVIN COBB TELLS A WIDOW STORY OF WAR AS HE SAW IT

Would Crowd Recording Angel Out of Job Could He Write All Horrors He Witnessed.

NEW YORK, Dec. 15.—Irvin Shrewsbury Cobb, whose name will be written on the blackboards (if they still use them) of schools of Journalism as the only man who ever interviewed Kitchener of Khartoum and the only man from Paduch who ever wore a wrist watch, was the guest of honor of the Green Room Club Sunday night.

Some funny things Cobb told a reporter about how it felt to be a dinner guest in New York, where there is always an open season for banquets, might be recorded here, were it not for the possibility that Cobb, following the custom of the season, might deny the authenticity of the interview. And, anyway, the speech he made was deadly serious, with just a dash of the negro dialect stories for which he is justly famous.

"All to whom I talk about the war," said Cobb in closing the speech he made after the dinner, "ask me about Belgium. If I could write the story of Belgium as I saw it I would crowd the Recording Angel out of his job."

Woe Felters of War's Horrors.
If the speaker cared to repeat his talk he could undoubtedly crowd many professional lecturers out of their jobs, for it was a burning word picture of the horrors of war by a man whose training has been to observe facts and relate them. There is space here for only one or two of the incidents Cobb described.

The reporter used no pencil and the thought at least is Cobb's.

"The difficulty in conveying any adequate impression of this war, in any one-half of the world is fighting the human mind cannot grasp it, and the nearer one gets to it the more difficult it is to get any perspective of the whole. And then it is not at all like we have been taught in literature war is. A visit we made to the center of the German lines on the Aisne will illustrate this."

"One of the big German batteries was stationed there in a field. There were five 21-centimeter (8-inch) guns hidden beneath leaves and branches to disguise them to the observers. The 200 or more men in charge of the battery lived in huts to the rear, and when we arrived they were scattered in and around the huts writing letters, sleeping, smoking or playing the German national game of pentecost."

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"The men resumed their previous occupation until another phone call should send them again to their posts. I talked to the Captain of the battery, a university man. He said that he had been there for several weeks, during which time, although he had never seen a sign of the enemy, he had lost four of his officers and 60 per cent of his men and many of his guns."

"These had been replaced, and until I was killed or till the end of the war, perhaps, the Captain said he would stay there serving his guns night and day, sending shells over the tops of the poplars at an enemy he had never seen and never would see, and waiting for shells that would come in return to reap their harvests of death."

"At the Nord Station, in Maubeuge, what to me is the sorriest feature of the war was the position of the wounded man. There on the road, which is the main line of communication of the German right and center, we saw, for the first time, the troop trains going to the front on one track and the trains bearing the wounded coming back on the other, the raw material going to the mill and the finished product coming back."

Trains Full of Singing Troops.
"The troop trains were full of splendid young fellows, loaded down with flowers, singing the songs of the Fatherland, the cars festooned with streamers."

"A half hour after we reached the station 1400 wounded men arrived on the first train bearing the wounded. For five days they had been coming from the front, 90 miles away, packed on straw in cars. The fresh troops had seats, and because they were needed were given the right of way, while these men who were no longer of use could die, maybe, on sidings. They were fed the ration given the fresh soldiers, if they could eat."

"The Germans, and I suppose it is so with the other armies, call a man who is still in one piece slightly wounded. And so these men were 'slightly wounded,' whether they had a jaw shot away, a hole through both legs or through the abdomen."

"We helped unload some of them. There were not stretchers enough. The nurses and doctors sank in their tracks to sleep until the next train should come along, and they came in an endless procession. We were told 50,000 wounded passed through that week. And that was only one railroad in one part of a whole great continent at war."

France Also Has Refused to Accept Pope's Truce Plan.
PARIS, Dec. 15.—In addition to Russia and Turkey, France has refused to accept Pope Benedict's proposal for a truce during the Christmas season.

Flies Cured in 8 to 10 Days.
Drugs reduced money if Papo Ointment sold in 10 days. No return of money if not cured. First application gives relief. See.

Frenchman Shot by His Own Men for Mutilating a German

BERLIN, via London, Dec. 15.—THE newspapers today generally print the story of the killing and mutilation of a German soldier who had been watching the wire entanglements, and comment appreciatively on what is termed the quick justice meted out by the French to the man who mutilated him. His ears had been cut off.

The soldier was found dead, Dec. 4. The day following the finding of the body an officer of the French infantry appeared before the German postmen under a flag of truce and expressed to the German commanding officer the abhorrence of his regiment at the action of the culprit, who, he said, already had been condemned and shot.

London to Lift Lid for New Year's Eve Banquets.
LONDON, Dec. 15.—New Year's eve banquets here are now insured, according to an official of one of the biggest London hotels, who intimated today that the lid would be lifted by the Government for the occasion.

There was much pessimism among the hotel proprietors last week who did not know whether the 10 o'clock closing order would be temporarily lifted. As soon as it became known that there would be the usual banquets and the New Year welcomed with something stronger than grape juice, there was a great rush for reservations.

Fully 25 per cent of those who will attend one of the most conspicuous celebrations will be military men. With many men scheduled to come home from the front on furlough and attend, the banquets will be all the more impressive.

Rumanians in America to Buy \$10,000,000 War Supplies.
CHICAGO, Dec. 15.—Rumania has entered the field for the purchase of American war supplies, according to information reaching Chicago merchants today. The country, although not a belligerent in the European war, has sent a commission here to place orders for arms, ammunition, cotton and sanitary supplies to cost \$10,000,000.

Members of the commission are reported to be M. G. Danilepoff, director of the National Bank of Rumania, and Aristide Blank, financial delegate; Alexander Cantimiri and Agrippa Popesco, engineering delegates, and Capt. Blucild and Maj. Demetre Popesco, technical delegates. They plan to reach here the latter part of the week.

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General Manager Says Receipts Have Fallen Off to a Large Extent.

PASSENGERS WAIT LONGER

More People Get Seats, McCulloch Says—"Rush Hours" Cut to 30 Minutes.

The United Railways, in the last few weeks, has taken a number of street cars out of service, thus increasing the intervals at which cars are operated on the various lines.

San-Dispatch reporters recently have noted that street cars were not operated at such close intervals as formerly, and one went to the United Railways general office to ask Richard McCulloch, the vice-president and general manager, about traffic conditions.

McCulloch, while admitting a number of cars had been taken off, would not give the exact number of cars, or say just when the United Railways began increasing the intervals of its service.

Says Receipts Have Decreased. The street car company, McCulloch said, is one of the most active barometers of business conditions, and feels a depression in a community quicker than any other single institution. He said there had been a very great decrease in the United Railways receipts and that cars had been taken off because the traffic was not as heavy as it normally is. He would not state just what the decrease in revenue had been.

The decrease in traffic began last July, he said, and got steadily worse. Although cars were taken off, he said, the United Railways did not lay off a single employee. Instead, the working hours of each employee were shortened, so that while employees' wages were not as much as formerly, none was entirely without a salary envelope.

Says Service Is Better. McCulloch declared that, although the service had been diminished, it was relatively better than formerly, as the United Railways had not taken off as many cars as would correspond to the decrease in traffic. There are more seats for passengers now, he said, than there were when the traffic was heavier and more cars were operated.

There has been a noticeable decrease in traffic in the middle of the day, after supper and on Sundays, as well as in the morning and evening "rush hours." "We might as well turn our cars into the barns after 8 p. m., as there is virtually no amusement travel now," McCulloch said.

"Rush Hours" Cut to 30 Minutes. McCulloch ascribed the decrease in traffic to a large number of factory workers being laid off.

McCulloch said he is to be laid off, McCulloch said, the family immediately begins to retrench. While laid off the family usually stays away from amusement place, and when the man is back at work, it is necessary to curtail expenditures for a time to pay up debts incurred when out of work.

The neighborhood amusements, such as moving picture houses and school house gatherings, also have caused a slump in night traffic.

Bruce Cameron, transportation superintendent, said the United Railways "rush hours" had been cut from an hour and a half to 30 minutes. There are 30 cars in line and 25 different "rush hour" schedules, varying as to the character of the communities the lines serve.

There was a decrease in the early-morning rush hour traffic, due to factory employees being out of work, but within the last few days said, this traffic has begun to improve.

CATHOLIC HIGH SCHOOL REPORT

About \$30,000 Expended in Three Years for Improvements.

The annual meeting of the Catholic Free High School Association was held at the Rosati High School, last night. The Rev. M. J. Dooley, president of the association, reported that upwards of \$30,000 had been expended within the past three years, putting the schools in the best possible condition. During the past year a domestic science course has been added for the girls and physical laboratories have been installed at both the girls' and the boys' high schools.

Archbishop Glennon, chairman of the board, expressed his appreciation of the progress made. Following the address of the Archbishop, seven directors were elected to serve for three years. They are: The Rev. D. J. Lavery, the Rev. T. J. Walsh, the Rev. Joseph Shidels, James Burt, Joseph P. Brockland, Thomas J. Dooley and Alphonse Schneiderhahn.

DEAN MARY. Announces her engagement at the Christmas dinner, 121 by the diamond ring at Lottin Bros. & Co., the National Credit Jewelers, 24 E. 300 N. 6th at Arkansas loses \$300,000 Tax Suit. LITTLE ROCK, Ark., Dec. 15.—The State of Arkansas lost a suit for approximately \$300,000, which it alleged to be due in back taxes, when the Supreme Court yesterday held that the act of the Legislature in 1875 providing for a tax of 2½ per cent on the net receipts of life insurance companies was invalid.

W. S. Cowherd to Escape Operation. KANSAS CITY, Mo., Dec. 15.—W. S. Cowherd, former Mayor and Congressman, probably will return to Kansas City today from Rochester, Minn., where he has been advised that an operation on him will not be necessary. He probably will spend the winter in California for his health.

President Opposes Literary Test. WASHINGTON, Dec. 15.—President Wilson announced to callers today his opposition to the literary test in the immigration bill pending in the Senate and said he did not believe the test "tested quality."

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Girl of Mystery Hides Identity Under Alias

"Call Me Belva Brown," She Says, When Questioned by Kentuckians.

LOUISVILLE, Ky., Dec. 15.—"Belva Brown," who was found wandering on the road near Anchorage, a suburb of Louisville, Nov. 23, and who has been sheltered by residents of that place ever since, continues to be "The Girl of Mystery," despite efforts to fix her identity.

All efforts to establish the identity of this young woman have failed. She either cannot or will not tell who she is nor give the names of her relatives. Every lead that has been suggested by names and addresses she has given has been followed, only to come to nothing.

When found by Magistrate Dorey, she said she had come from Chicago on the Monon to visit her uncle, Charles Brown, near Anchorage. This uncle cannot be found.

Asked for her name, she said: "Oh, call me Belva Brown." She is about 22 years old, 5 feet 4 inches tall, has dark complexion, hair and eyes and pretty features. She weighs 124 pounds.

She is well educated, speaks French, German and Spanish and has the manners of one accustomed to the best society. She is a fine pianist.

Her story, told piecemeal, is that her father is a broker in New York, that she has lived in an Eastern city, presumably Rochester. Her mother died four years ago in Hanover, when touring Europe.

She spent last summer with relatives in Salt Lake City. Afterward she visited Ogden, Butte and Omaha before going to Chicago. In Omaha she says she was with the family of J. L. Kraeg, 1888 Farnam street. He was found,



THE GIRL OF MYSTERY.

but knew nothing of the girl. She gave an address in Rochester, "122 East avenue," but the police say this is mythical. She addressed a letter to Harold Brown, care Brown & Orth, brokers, New York, but this was returned undelivered. She says her father's name is Harold Brown.

POLICE BELIEVE TRAMPS CAUSED DOWNTOWN FIRE

Theory Is They Were Trying to Keep Warm in Vacant Floor at 118 N. Third Street.

Fire, believed by the police to have been started by tramps, damaged a three-story vacant building at 118 North Third street just before midnight last night. Owing to the cold, there was danger for a time of the fire spreading.

Fifteen companies were called out to guard against the fire spreading and the difficulties presented by fast forming ice over ladders and stairways. The blaze was confined to the two top floors of the building. The loss was estimated at several thousand dollars.

Many reports have been received by the police of tramps attempting to make their winter home in the upper floors of vacant buildings, and it is believed in this case that the tramps may have started a fire on the floor in an effort to keep warm.

S. J. O'Loughlin, a broker with offices at 111 Merchants' Exchange Building, noticed smoke coming from the third-story windows of the vacant building at 11:10 p. m. and telephoned a fire alarm. When the first company arrived a general alarm was sounded.

The firemen found it necessary to break into the Hughes Printing Co. shop in the rear of the building to get at the blaze. While flames were showing at the upper portion of windows, flames were forming from the lower ledges and the firemen found it difficult to retain footing on the ladders.

The flames spread to the William T. Dean Stationary offices at 116 North Third street and the damage there was estimated at \$1000. Martin Breit, agent of the building in which the fire started, has made no estimate of the damage there.

Fireman Frank J. Bohnenkamp of 3633 Freeman avenue was cut on both hands by broken glass. Patrolman H. P. Conwell was one of a number of men drenched when a frozen hose burst. He kept at work for more than an hour, when he became ill. He was taken to his residence, 208 Texas avenue, where a physician stated that his condition was due to working in the cold in wet clothing.

Former Illinois Congressman Dies. SPRINGFIELD, Ill., Dec. 15.—Major James A. Connolly, former commander of the Illinois Department G. A. R., and a former Congressman from the Twenty-first District, died here today.

PLANS TO WIDEN LOCUST STREET, FROM 14TH WEST

Public Service Board Would Make Change by Cutting Sidewalks From 12 to 9 Feet.

AID TO MOTOR TRAFFIC

42-Foot Way Would Be Provided; "Y" Connections at Grand Avenue Proposed.

The Board of Public Service, seeking to make Locust street a better east-west thoroughfare for motor vehicles has decided to recommend the widening of the street between curbs by taking three feet off each sidewalk. This would increase the width of the pavement from 36 to 42 feet and shorten each sidewalk from 12 to 9 feet.

The widening would begin at Fourteenth street and continue to Theresa avenue (3500 west), where Locust street ends.

This can be done at a very little cost, President Kinsey of the Board believes. Outlining the board's plans today, he said the street could be widened about a year from now, when it is planned to resurface the highway. There would be no damage to abutting property, Kinsey pointed out, and the advantages of a wider street would cause most owners of abutting property to donate the three feet asked by the city, he believes.

Provision for Wider Street. Owners of abutting property, in many instances, have made provision for future widening of Locust street, by constructing the sidewalk short of the curb line. In all but a few blocks on Locust street, west of Fourteenth street, the buildings stand back from the sidewalk line. However, the widening of the street, being made at the expense of the width of sidewalks, would not cause a building realignment.

The widening of Locust street, with the Locust street cutoff to Lindell boulevard and the proposed cutoff to Washington avenue, would make Locust street the most convenient motor trafficway to downtown.

City officials, as told last week in the Post-Dispatch, are considering abandonment of the move begun two years ago to widen Washington avenue 20 feet between Jefferson and Grand avenues, and instead, are planning to make a cutoff from Locust street and Washington avenue, similar to the Locust-Lindell cutoff.

This is being done as a measure of economy. Commissioners appraising the Washington avenue property to be condemned in the widening process have not finished their task, but Kinsey said it was evident the cost would be greater than that estimated two years ago.

It is likely the city in abandoning the proposed widening of Washington avenue, would condemn a triangular portion of the old James Campbell home at the northeast corner of Grand and Washington avenues, to transform it into a straight path between Washington boulevard, east of Grand and Washington boulevard, west of Grand.

If the substitute plan is carried through, Locust street would be widened at Leonard avenue (3800 west), directing traffic north to Washington avenue and south to Lindell avenue.

The Motor Accessory Trade Association has appointed a committee to aid in the plan to widen Locust street.

CITY MAY RUN NURSES' SCHOOL

Counselor Also Finds Way Under New Charter to Aid Maternity Home.

City Counselor Baird today sent to Director of Public Welfare Tolkaas a report that under the new charter the city has the power to conduct a training school for nurses at the city hospital, and that it has no power to make direct appropriations to the St. Louis Maternity Home. Baird said, however, that the city can make appropriations for the care of indigent women, and in that manner render assistance to the maternity home.

A training school for nurses has been conducted at the city hospital and other city institutions with private funds, the old charter making no provision for expenditure of money for the purpose. The new charter authorizes the city to conduct educational institutions, in which category the City Counselor places training schools for nurses.

Officers of the maternity home have for some time been endeavoring to obtain assistance from the city. Director Tolkaas was uncertain whether he could legally give aid to the home and called on the legal department for an opinion.

Complaint has been aroused by the action of the city departments in laying off so large a number of men, at a time when the number of unemployed in St. Louis is large, and other employment is practically closed. Lazarus, who is Acting Mayor in Mayor Kiel's absence, sympathizes with these complaints.

MISS LOVE ASKS \$25,000 FOR BREACH OF PROMISE

Kansas City Department Store Clerk Files Action Against Clinton, Mo., Man.

KANSAS CITY, Mo., Dec. 15.—Miss Virginia W. Love, a clerk in a department store, brought a \$25,000 breach of promise suit in the Circuit Court yesterday against John P. Adamson, a real estate dealer of Clinton, Mo. Adamson is a widower. Miss Love alleges that he proposed to her Dec. 15, 1912.

The suit was filed hurriedly, after it was learned that Adamson was in the city, so that he could be served with papers before he returned home.

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PRESIDENT TELLS OF HIS ATTITUDE TOWARD NEGRO

"We Should Help Him in Every Way for His Good and Ours," Executive Says.

CONFERS WITH EDUCATORS

Delegation Representing Southern Universities Granted Interview at White House.

By Associated Press. WASHINGTON, Dec. 15.—Outlining his attitude toward the negro, President Wilson today told the University Commission on Southern Race Questions, made up of representatives of 11 Southern colleges, "that our object is to know the needs of the negro and sympathetically help him in every way that is possible for his good and our good."

Dr. C. H. Brough of the University of Arkansas, chairman of the commission, told the President the commission was organized to make an impartial study of the race question from the standpoint of the negro's economic, hygienic, civic and moral betterment. He said that a very deep investigation of the subject was being made, with the good of the negro always in mind.

President interested in Work. "I am very glad to express my sincere interest in this work and sympathy with it," said the President in reply to Dr. Brough. "I think that men like yourselves can be trusted to see this great question at every angle. There isn't any question, it seems to me into which more care needs to be put or more thorough help made than this. I know myself, as a Southern man, how sincerely the heart of the South desires the good of the negro and the advancement of his race on all sound and sensible lines, and everything that can be done in that direction is or the highest value. It is a matter of common understanding."

Tells Story About Lamb. "There is a charming story told about Charles Lamb. The conversation in his little circle turned upon some men who were not present and Lamb, who you know stuttered, said: 'I hate that fellow.' His friend said: 'Charles, I didn't know you knew him.' Lamb said: 'I don't. I can't hate a fellow I know.'"

"I think that is a very profound human fact. You cannot hate a man you know. And our object is to know the needs of the negro and sympathetically help him in every way that is possible for his good and for our good. I can only bid you Godspeed in what is a very necessary and great undertaking."

THIEF BEATS WOMAN, 75, AND THROWS HER INTO BASEMENT

Man Grabs Mrs. Marie Eckmann by Throat. When She Answers Doorbell at 10 A. M.

Mrs. Marie Eckmann, 75 years old, of 3245 Calumet avenue, answered her doorbell at 10:30 a. m. today and found a man standing there who asked her if she had paid her taxes. She recognized him as a man who, six weeks ago, collected express charges on a package, which she found on opening, to contain a brick wrapped in excelsior.

She told him that she recognized him, and he caught her by the throat and forced his way into the house, closing the door. He tried to throw her down the basement steps inside the house. She resisted and struck him in the face with a wine bottle, shattering it. He beat her over the head with a revolver, buried her down the stairs and ran out.

Mrs. Eckmann was found by a neighbor, bleeding profusely from scalp wounds.

A doctor who was summoned found that she had concussion of the brain, in addition to scalp lacerations. He pronounced her condition serious.

The man was about 35 years old and wore a dark fedora hat and a tan overcoat.

PRESIDENT TO FINALLY DECIDE HOW TO KEEP CANAL NEUTRAL

Declares The "Can Be No Real Differences Between Garrison and Daniels and Bryan."

WASHINGTON, Dec. 15.—More information is being awaited before President Wilson decides whether the request of Gov. Goethals for destroyers to enforce neutrality at Panama shall be granted.

Suggestions of differences between Secretaries Garrison and Daniels and Bryan over the question were met by President Wilson with the statement that there could be no real differences since he would finally decide.

The President discussed the situation with the Cabinet and generally considered measures for protecting the neutrality of the canal. Officials described as absurd reports that Col. Goethals' request would be denied. They declared action was being delayed only pending a fuller discussion of the needs of the situation.

The Day in Congress.

SENATE. Hearings on the waterpower site leasing bill were continued before the Lands Committee.

The Banking Committee considered rural credits legislation. The Commerce Committee worked on the administration bill for buying a merchant marine.

HOUSE. Passed a concurrent resolution for a holiday recess from Dec. 22 to Dec. 23.

The Naval Committee resumed hearings on the naval bill. The legislative, executive and judicial appropriation bill was debated upon the floor.

J. P. MORGAN RAN CHURCH ACCUSED RECTOR CHARGES

Head of Episcopal Denomination in Philadelphia Elected by Capitalistic Controlled Convention, Pastor Says.

Special to the Post-Dispatch. PHILADELPHIA, Dec. 15.—Summoned to appear before the Ecclesiastical Court of the Protestant Episcopal diocese, and stand trial for alleged violation of his ordination vows and dilatory of his duties, J. P. Morgan, rector of St. George's Church, today assailed the church in general, which, he said, had been controlled by J. Pierpont Morgan, and other capitalistic interests. He said: "The Bishop of the diocese of Pennsylvania was elected by a capitalistic controlled convention. Father Mortimer, now since deceased for immorality and living the life of an exile in England, and George Wharton Pepper, rector of Old St. John's Church, today assailed the church in general, which, he said, had been controlled by J. Pierpont Morgan, and other capitalistic interests. He said: "The Bishop of the diocese of Pennsylvania was elected by a capitalistic controlled convention. 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Men's Neckwear, 17c to 35c
Suspenders, suitable for gifts, pair 23c
Suspenders and Garter Sets, at 49c
Men's Sweaters, in all sizes, at \$1
Men's Flannel Shirts, priced 69c to \$3
Women's 50c Silk Stockings, 25c pair

Coats and Dresses
Coats that are wonderful values, and in best styles and winter materials.
Dresses of silk, serge, velvet and corduroy—for street, afternoon and evening wear—at half retail values, \$2.98, \$3.98, \$5

Girls' Rain Outfit, Cap, Coat and Bag, \$2.98
75c Quality Dressing Sacques, 50c
\$1.50 Full-length Flannellette Kimonos, \$1
\$3 Girls' Serge Dresses in navy and brown, 6 to 14 years, \$1.98

Women's 25c Silk Stockings, 15c pair
Men's \$2.25 Shirts—sets of three—at \$1.50
\$2 and \$2.25 Lace Curtains, \$1.49 pair
\$3 Lace Curtains, splendid quality, \$1.98
Tapestry Couch Covers, special \$1.69 each
Rope Portieres, heavy twisted cord, 98c ea.
Women's Cashmere Gloves at, pair, 39c
Children's Wool Gloves, at pair, 15c
Women's Tan Kid Gloves, at pair, 50c
White Mirrors, long handle, 19c
Glove and Handkerchief Boxes, 10c
Perfumes, in fancy baskets, at 10c
Children's Pencil Boxes, at 25c
Writing Paper, in fancy boxes, 19c
Thermometers, assorted kinds, at 25c

Three DRESS POPLINS—
O'Clock Special
heavy corded and mercerized, in solid fast black—25c quality—2000 yards to sell at 12½c Yard—(Basement.)

New shipment of "Wirthmore" Whists, \$1
\$5 Girls' Velvet Corduroy Dresses in navy and cardinal, 6 to 14 years, \$2.98
House Dresses at 49c, 69c and \$1
(Basement.)

Store Not Open Any Evening

So this is another reason for you to shop early—early in the day. Packages wrapped, tied and weighed at the Accommodation Desk. Secure Red Cross Seals to place on your packages. They sell at 1c each, and the full benefit goes to the St. Louis Society for the Prevention of Tuberculosis. Gift Certificates, redeemable at any time, and the recipient may select merchandise in any department—are on sale at all the Exchange Desks throughout the store.

Gifts at \$1.50—

Breakfast Tablecloths, colored borders
All-linen Hemstitched Tablecloths
Crinkledown Baby Blankets
Girls' Galatea Middy Blouses
Party Boxes, Bracelets, Jet Beads
3 Alpine-Embroid. Linen Handkfs.
Fancy Boxed Writing Paper
Rubber-lined Tourist Cases
Decorated Sandwich Trays
Doll's Trunk, Child's Rocker
Men's Silk Bosom Shirts
Women's Silk Stockings
Cut Glass Handled Nappies
Fine Taffeta Umbrellas
Satin-Lined Work Baskets

Gifts at \$1.75—

Hand-embroidered Vestees of organdie
Clever Beaded and Mesh Bags
Stylish Gold-Plated La Vallieres
Imported White Ivory Trinkets
Library Table Runners
Artistic Hand-Painted Vases
Piano and Mantel Scarfs
Keen Kutter Scissors and Shears
Men's Brass Tobacco Jars
Imported Bonbon Dishes
Brass Corner Separate Desk Pads
Bathroom Rugs, all colors
Scrim Curtains, white, ivory, beige
Fiber Suit Cases for Travelers

Gifts at \$2—

Fancy Boxed Writing Paper
Reishes Dishes of Dainty China
Art Bronze Paper Weights
Doll's Swinging Cradles
Fine Silk Table Runners
Fancy Baskets of all kinds
Brass Book Racks for the Library
Toy Paint Sets for Children
Keen Kutter Pocket Cutlery
Bonbon Dishes of Dainty China
Doll's Trunks of all kinds
Children's Rockers and Chairs
Sets of Six Cut Glass Tumblers
Toy Dog or Lion on Wheels
Artistic Pictures and Frames

Gifts at \$2.25—

Rich Brocaded Pillow Tops
Crumb Sets, Brush and Tray
Men's Brass Smoking Stands
Nickel Plated Egg Sets
Fancy Boxed Writing Paper
Marmalade Jars of China
Matted Covered Shirt Waist Boxes
Syrup Pitcher and Plate
White Ivory Trinket Boxes
14 Inch Cut Glass Plateaux
7-Piece China Chocolate Set

Gifts at \$2.50—

Imitation Spanish Scarfs, white & black
Ostrich Feather Neckpieces
All-linen Hemstitched Tea Napkins
All-linen Pattern Tablecloths
Hemstitched Cloth, ½ doz. Napkins
Girls' White Wash Dresses
Sewing Stands with Cretonne Bags
Beautiful Cranberry Sets
Fancy Brass Jardinières
Children's Rockers
Doll's Furniture—Sideboards, etc.
Fancy Boxed Writing Paper
Waterman's Fountain Pens
Cut Glass Celery Dishes
Dozen Highball Glasses



MECHANICAL Trains—consisting of iron locomotive, steel tender, two-passenger cars, and four pieces of circular track, special, 69c—(Fifth Floor.)



WOMEN'S Comfy Slippers, of finest felt, in colors and black, white collar and ribbon trimmed. Sizes 2½ to 8—\$1.75 quality—\$1.29 at, the pair, (Main Floor.)



WOMEN'S Embroidered Italian Silk Vests, in white or pink—tubular band—Wednesday choice at, each, \$2.50—(Main Floor.)



TIE Rack Combination—Silk Socks, Four-in-Hand Tie and Jap Silk Handkerchief, all to match. Rack measures 13x15 inches—fitted with French beveled mirror, (Square 12—Main Floor.) \$1



MEN'S and Women's Umbrellas—26 and 28-inch—silk serge covered—carved Mission or fancy gilt and sterling-trimmed handles—regularly \$3.50—at \$2.65—(Main Floor.)



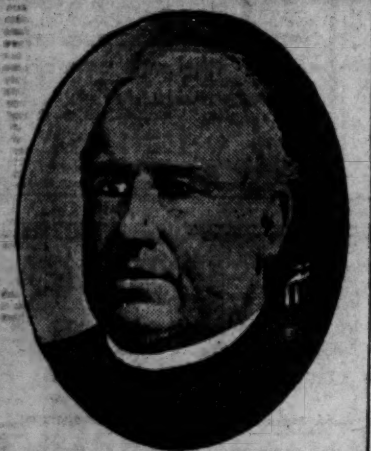
LINDEMAN & SONS small Grand Pianos—one of the most exquisite Grands of the times—special Christmas price—EASY TERMS, \$550—(Fourth Floor.)

STIX, BAER & FULLER D.G. CO. GRAND-LEADER
Entire Block—Sixth, Washington, Seventh and Lucas

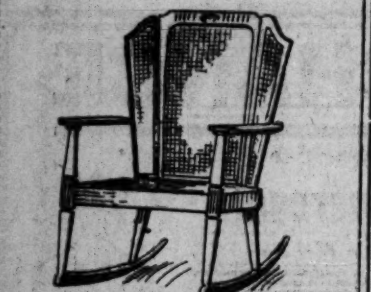
No. 2A Folding Pocket Kodak—most popular of all amateur sizes—postal card size—picture 3¼x5¼—R. R. lens, automatic shutter, \$25—(Main Floor.)

Accidentally Shoots Wife in Foot.
Mrs. Katherine Hill, 25 years old, of
ally shot in the right foot, was accident-
ally shot in the right foot last night by
her husband, George Hill, a butcher. He
told the police he was cleaning his re-
volver when it was discharged.

SAVING LIVES



Father John's Medicine
Best for Colds, throat and
lungs. Builds you up. No
Alcohol or dangerous drugs



**Solid Mahogany
Wing Rocker,
\$12.50**

**SPECIAL Wednes-
day—tomorrow only**
—cane Wing Rockers as
illustrated.

These are our regular
\$20 grade. Finished in the
fashionable antique English
effect, both frame and cane
work. Beautifully made in
every particular, these are
exceptionally comfortable
and good-looking living-
room pieces.

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**Rubber
Hat,
Coat
and
Boots,
Complete
for
\$4.68**

Outfits
for
Girls
at
Popular
Prices

Class' Blue and Red Silk
Waterproof Capes \$2.00

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415 N. Fourth St.
"Buy From 'DAY' Today"

Royal Shoes

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Shutran's Hook
of New Live Rubber

Make the day's work
easier. They take
up all the jar.

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213 California Ave., East St. Louis

GINGERBREAD MAN WINS SUCCESS AS CHRISTMAS PLAY

Musical Comedy With "Mother
Goose" Atmosphere Delights
Big Audience.

PLAYGOERS' GUIDE.

Otis Skinner in "The Silent
Voice," Olympic. A weak, arti-
ficial and tiresome drama, full
of twaddle and "rot," an un-
worthy of star and supporting
company.

"Damaged Goods." Shubert.
Return engagement of Eugene
Brioux's drama of disease, for
which the claims made that
its story teaches a needed
lesson.

"Nutt & Jeff in Mexico." American.
Hilarious musical comedy.

"The Gingerbread Man." Park.
Successful musical com-
edy along Christmas pan-
tomime lines. Excellent pre-
sented.

"The Quickmarts." Shenan-
doh. Second week of Lewis &
Ely's play, telling interesting
story much strengthened since
its opening night.

Vaudeville. Columbia. Bill
headed by Harry Houdini,
handout king.

Vaudeville. Grand. Bill head-
ed by the Seven Castellucci,
musicians.

Vaudeville. Hippodrome. Bill
headed by the Australian
Walters, in whip, tomahawk,
boomerang and spear feats.

"The Gypsy Maids." Prince.
Extravaganza and vaude-
ville.

"The High Rollers." Stand-
ard. Burlesque and vaudeville.

"The Gypsy Girls." Gayety.
Burlesque and vaudeville.

Belgian War Pictures. Gar-
rick. Thrilling animated views
of actual battlefield scenes in
great European conflict.

Photoplays. New Grand Central.
"More Than Queen."

Photoplays. Strand. First-run
films, changing daily.

Photoplays. Junata. Inter-
esting picture-dramas, vividly
presented.

By RIPLEY D. SAUNDERS.

"The Gingerbread Man" is so in-
sistent with the Christmas spirit
that the big audience attend-
ing its opening performance at the Park
Theater last night promptly fell into
quite the proper Yuletide mood and en-
joyed its quaint nursery-balled re-
miniscences of character and incident
with the keenest relish.

Old Mother Goose is essentially the
sponsor of the story told by this whimsi-
cal musical comedy along the time-
honored lines of Christmas pantomime,
inasmuch as the familiar folk of her
world largely constitute its cast, where-
fore again, since this beloved Old Lady
of the Flying Broomstick always has
been a staunch partner of Santa Claus,
the renewed alliance between the two
proved finely successful.

The only correct attitude of mind in
which either a play-producer, his play-
ers or the playing public may ap-
proach the presentation of a Christ-
mas play is that of unconditional sur-
render to its naive and childlike appeal
of fanciful fun and ingenious make-be-
lieve. Stage Director Sinclair of the
Park organization seems to have been
equal to this demand. The members of
the Park Opera Company effectively
fell in with his holiday humor. The au-
dience was not one whit behind either
in its congenial response of timely ap-
preciation. The first-night result, in
consequence, was a very delightful even-
ing indeed.

The honors of the performance
must be widely distributed. Roger
Gray, leading comedian of the Park
forces, scored a distinct success in
the fantastic role of King Bun. Philip
Tread was grotesquely entertaining in
the name part. Matt Hanley as the
Fairy Queen was a veritable figure
of fun from the moment of his first
entrance. Tenor Carl Haydn blithely
distinguished himself as Simple Sil-
mon, the poet of the story. Southerne
Louise Allen was a dear little Mar-
gery Daw. Sarah Edwards made a
winsome boy as Jack Horner. Mabel
Wilber sang sweetly and acted vivaci-
tously the role of Marie Bon-Bon.
The Machiavellian Fudge of George A.
Natanson's drawing developed into
an effective stage picturing of mock
malignancy. And so it went down the
line—principals, minor players and
chorus sharing suitably in the even-
ing's distinction.

The scenic production is colorful
and there are many big song-num-
bers of much melodic attractiveness.
The orchestra under Musical Direc-
tor Wright's competent conducting
proved itself one of the potent fac-
tors for the success of the offering.

PROPOSE to her with a diamond ring for
Christmas. Easy payments. Lottis Bros. &
Co. 24 Union St. at 10th St. Open evenings.

Banks Increase Cash Deposits.
WASHINGTON, Dec. 15.—Cash in the
vaults of the 371 national banks report-
ing their condition at the close of busi-
ness Oct. 31, amounted to \$205,553,375, an
increase over the amount on Sept. 12
of \$21,846,038.

An Ideal Gift.
A window refrigerator, \$1.50 and up,
according to size; will submit sample.
Call Kinloch Laclede 2201, Bell South
1764W. Home Manufacturing Co., St. Louis.

Wagon Tarpsauls Burned.
A fire of unknown origin destroyed the
tarpsaul covers of three wagons belong-
ing to the St. Louis Transfer Co. in a
lot behind the company's stables at
Fourth and Spruce streets last night. No
other damage was done.

Busy Bee Candles for Christmas.
Quality Candles. Gifts of Good Taste.

Spain to Have Men at Canal Opening.
MADRID, via Paris, Dec. 15.—Admiral
Miranda, Minister of Marine, announced
that the Spanish Government will be
represented at the inauguration of the
Panama Canal by a delegation headed
by Vice-Admiral Estrada on board the
dreadnought Espana.

For Health, Wilson's Butter-Milk Cook-
ies—Large package, 5c. Ask your grocer.

Gold Pieces for Gifts

WE shall be pleased to furnish, whoever desires them for gifts,
gold pieces of \$5, \$10 and \$20 denominations.
(Exchange Desk, Main Floor.)
Red Cross Seals are on sale, Exchange Desk, Main Floor. You should use them.
Christmas Cards and Personal Greeting Cards should be chosen forthwith.
(Main Floor.)



For Future Delivery

IF you desire us to deliver later will go out promptly accord-
ing to your instructions.
Gift Certificates are good for their face value in any section of the store.
They are a great help to busy people who wish to make gifts.
Returned Merchandise must be accompanied by the Original Sales Check.

Happy Home Gifts: From the China Store

THE China Store is beautiful. Its comprehensive assortments are pleasingly answering ques-
tions daily for women and men who love their homes.
Whether it's a little Vase at 50c or a Dinner Set costing \$150 or a piece of dazzling Cut Glass
at \$75—these and 10,000 more of their kind are your help in choosing here.

Beautiful Art Potteries

To Adorn Any Home

LOSING out some exceedingly pretty wares from:
Austria, Bavaria, Japan, Germany, England and America.
The reductions following are bona fide and apply to
to some 600 pieces.

\$1.00 Plastic Statues Indian.	\$2.00 Amphora Vases.
\$1.00 Royal Bayreuth Vases.	\$2.50 Amphora Vases.
\$1.25 Vordamm Vases.	\$2.00 Nippon Vases.
\$1.00 Romeo Vases.	\$2.50 Nippon Vases.
\$1.25 Carcelain Jardinieres.	\$3.00 Nippon Vases.
\$1.00 Carcelain Flower Holders.	\$2.50 Mottique Vases.
\$1.00 Mottique Vases.	\$2.00 Oriflame Vases.
\$1.25 Mottique Vases.	\$3.00 Oriflame Vases.
\$1.50 Nippon Vases.	\$3.35 Oriflame Flower Holders.
\$2.00 Nippon Vases.	\$2.00 Royal Bayreuth Vases.
\$2.00 Royal Bonn Vases.	\$2.50 Royal Bayreuth Jugs.
\$1.50 Royal Bayreuth Vases.	\$7.50 Oriflame Jardinieres.
\$2.00 Bisque Statues.	\$1.50 Bisque Statues.
\$2.50 Bisque Statues.	\$6.00 Oriflame Vases.
\$4.00 Oriflame Jardinieres.	\$6.00 Royal Empire Vases.
\$4.50 Oriflame Vases.	\$6.50 Amphora Vases.
\$4.50 Oriflame Incense Burners.	\$4.50 Vordamm Flower Holders.
\$4.50 Oriflame Rose Jars.	\$1.00 Royal Bayreuth Vases.
\$5.00 Oriflame Nippon Vases.	\$1.00 Bisque Statues.
\$3.00 Royal Bonn Vases.	\$6.00 Oriflame Vases.
\$3.50 Royal Bonn Vases.	75c Mottique Vases.
\$3.00 Mottique Vases.	75c Vordamm Rose Bowls.
\$6.00 Bisque Footed Bowl.	\$1.00 German Imported Dishes.
\$6.00 Vordamm Jardinieres.	\$1.00 German Imported Fern Dishes.

Westinghouse Line

All Electric

5-cup Percolators.	\$2.00
5-cup Coffee Machines.	\$2.50
5-cup Coffee Machines.	\$1.50
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Hotpoint Line

El. Toaster.	\$1.50
El. Radio.	\$2.50
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Dependable Furs

Much Less

AND they are Furs from the
world-renowned Fur House of
Bevilion Freres—Paris and New York
There are thousands and thousands of
dollars' worth of Furs to be sold at such
prices as will stamp
This as a Remarkable Sale.
Scan this list of Wednesday attractions in
Fur Sets

Our sales space has been doubled for this sale—so thousands of other rich Furs at
like reductions! (Second Floor.)

Values.	Saving.	Sale Price
Red Fox Sets.	less \$17.50	\$32.50
Red Fox Sets.	less \$12.50	\$25.00
Black Fox Sets.	less \$9.00	\$26.75
Skunk Coon Sets.	less \$10.50	\$33.50
Sable Fox Sets.	less \$16.00	\$49.00
Black Fox Set.	less \$7.50	\$25.00
Pointed Sika Fox Set.	less \$30.50	\$79.50
Caracul Set.	less \$20.00	\$30.00
Black Fox Set.	less \$25.00	\$50.00
Natural Wolf Set.	less \$10.00	\$11.75
Natural Raccoon Set.	less \$12.75	\$34.75
Hudson Seal and Red Fox Set.	less \$42.50	\$65.00
Near Seal Sets.	less \$9.00	\$26.75
Gray Fox Set.	less \$22.50	\$32.50
Persian Lamb Set.	less \$20.00	\$25.00
Pointed Hudson Lynx Set.	less \$6.25	\$15.75
Black Coon Set.	less \$5.00	\$10.00
Black Coon Set.	less \$5.00	\$5.00

Just One Hundred Stylish

Women's Winter Coats.



MANY Model Coats; many samples;
many styles; many ones-of-a-
kind. We have known of no better
Coat offerings in St. Louis this season.
They are—
Beautiful materials; some most hand-
some models—and wonderful values.

All to Be Closed Out This Wednesday

Rich Velvets, Corduroys, Broadcloths, Silks,
Fabrics, Heavy Novelty Mixtures, Lustrous
Zibelines, Astrakhans and many other rough
novelty fabrics.

All at \$16.75

Many Afternoon and Evening Coats in the
lot. All are beautifully silk and satin-lined
throughout.

There are Coats in this sale that were made
to sell at \$35.00 and \$45.00.

All sizes; all popular shades.

This is One Great Bargain Event that you
must not miss. (Second Floor.)

Five Jewelry Specials!

\$8.50 and \$9 Mesh Bags, \$5

Gold-plated Mesh Bags, newest
shapes; baby ring and unbrea-
kable mesh.

\$1.25 Crucifix, 95c

Ormolu Gold Crucifix, large
size; will make a very pretty gift.

\$1.75 and \$2 Mesh Bags,
\$1.29

German Silver Mesh Bags, ring
or Bailey mesh, narrow etched
frames.

\$1.00 Beads, 79c

New French Filled Pearl Beads;
gold-filled and solid gold clasp;
neck length.

\$1.95 Jewelry, \$1.00

Cuff Links, Cameos, Brooches,
Bar Pins, La Vallieres, Watch
Chains and other handsome pieces;
best-lined box. (Main Floor.)

XMAS RUGS

\$1.50 Rugs,
95c

Wilton Velvets, size
27x54 inches; extra
heavy and durable;
good color combinations.

\$1.25 Rugs,
85c

Wilton Velvet Rugs,
size 27x54 inches; in
neat Oriental and all-
over effects; choice pat-
terns; durable quality.

\$1.95 Rugs,
\$1.35

Axminster, size 27x54
inches; all-over pat-
terns; rich, luxurious
shadings; made of best
quality wool yarns.

95c Rugs,
79c

Royal Axminsters,
size 18x34; service-
able quality; rich col-
ors and solidly woven.
(Third Floor.)

Why Not Give Pajamas in Holiday Boxes?

AT \$1.00

Plain color mercerized garments,
and Flannelettes trimmed with silk
frogs. All sizes.

AT \$1.50

Mercerized, solid and fancy striped,
and heavy "Faultless" Flannelettes,
with silk frogs. All sizes.

AT \$1.85

Cape Pajamas, in most delicate colors,
solids and fancy stripes; have pretty silk
frogs.

Night Shirts: 50c, 75c, \$1, \$1.50, \$2
Good warm outings, in all the shades
you wish; with or without collar. Sizes
15 to 20.

(Main Floor.)

500 New Overcoats

Join Sale Lots Tomorrow!

VERY remarkable sale of fine
Overcoats!

And the most enthusiastic men
buying them we've seen in years.

\$15 Overcoats are

\$20 Overcoats are

\$9.50 \$12.50

\$25 Overcoats are

\$30 and \$35 Overcoats are

\$15.50 \$18.50

In quoting these values, we are mindful of
the great duty that rests on us to advertise
things as they are.

These Overcoat values and real savings mea-
sure up in every way to our most rigid require-
ments.

YOU MUST SEE THEM! (Third Floor.)



Sweaters!

SWEATERS make
sensible gifts, since
the snow falls so softly—
but says so much.

Boys' \$1 Sweaters, 59c

Wool-faced, V-neck. Gray, wine
or brown—sizes 24 to 32.

\$2.00 and \$2.50 Sweaters,
\$1.55

For Men and Boys. Shawl collar
or V-neck styles; wool and wool-
mixed—sizes 34 to 44.

Sweaters, \$2.50, \$2.95,
\$3.50

Good ones: V or shawl neck; fine
ribbed, rope stitched or shaker-
size 34 to 44. (Main Floor.)

20,000 Yards New Colored Silks Great Christmas Sale

\$2.50 Silks, \$1.69

Beautiful printed Pussy Willow Silks, 40
inches wide.

\$2.50 Crepe de Chine, \$1.69

40 and 46 inches wide, blues, browns,
American Beauty or Nell rose.

60c Silk Poplins, 44c

24 inches wide; neat self-colored satin
designs.

\$1.00 Crepe de Chine, 59c

24 inches wide; blues, pinks, browns,
red, green, yellow, tan, ivory, white,
cream or black.

98c and 86c Foulards, 49c

24 inches wide, blues, browns, tans, grays
or mahogany.

\$1.50 Fancy Silks, 79c

Roman stripe taffetas or satins, 36 inches
wide.

\$1.50 Silk Poplins, 98c

Heavy lustrous Silk Poplins, 40 inches
wide, all colors or black.

\$1.50 Trimming Silks, 49c

Flaid Ottoman and Tinsel Silks, 19 and 24
inches wide.

\$4.50 Chiffon Velvets, \$2.98

Soft silk finish Chiffon Velvets, 40 inches
wide, dark red or mahogany.

\$9.50 and \$8.50 Chiffon Velvets, \$4.98

Imported broads or colored stripe Chif-
fon Velvets, 40 inches wide.

50c, 60c Fancy Silks, 29c

Printed Poplins or Foulards or plain
mesalines, 19 and 24 inches wide.

\$1.85 Crepe Metors, \$1.35

Rich Satin Crepe Metors, 40 inches wide,
black or white and all colors.

\$1.50 Crepe de Chine, 98c

Heavy Crepe de Chine, 40 inches wide,
all colors, black, white or ivory.

98c Tub Silks, 75c

GERMANS DEMAND \$70,000,000 FROM BELGIANS AT ONCE

Kaiser Tells New Governor to Exert Himself to Get the Weak on Their Feet.

PARIS, Dec. 15.—A dispatch from the Kaiser to the new Governor of Belgium, Gen. von Bissing, is said to have been received by the German Government-General of the occupied territory in Belgium.

Gen. von Bissing, the newly appointed Governor-General of Belgium, in an interview, said his appointment meant no change in the policy of the Germans, as the measures taken by his predecessor were practical and business-like.

He said he wished the Belgians to know that he was a just enemy and that his aim was to maintain peace and order in the land which had become the base of the operations of the German troops, so that the army would be able to devote itself to work.

The General added that he hoped to succeed with his mild policy, but that he would apply stern measures if they became necessary. He said he always

had been interested in economic problems and hoped, in co-operation with the civil administration, to be able to do much to improve the Belgian situation.

In conclusion, Gen. von Bissing said Emperor William had impressed upon him the necessity of doing everything possible to get the weak on their feet again in Belgium.

Doctors and Druggists Unite to Aid Their Belgian Colleagues. NEW YORK, Dec. 15.—A movement has been completed for the formation of an organization of physicians, surgeons and pharmacists of the United States to relieve the 8000 Belgians of those professions. The organization will act nationally to provide food, clothing and medicines for the Belgians. The idea resulted from the formation of a similar body in England. Dr. Frank F. Simpson of Pittsburgh is treasurer of the new organization.

Representatives of Four Generations at a Dinner



MRS. JOHN A. THOSE. MRS. EMIL A. HARTSTACK.

MRS. JOSEPH A. HUNKELER. HAROLD HARTSTACK.

Four generations of her family were represented at a celebration of the fortieth birthday of Mrs. Joseph A. Hunkeler, 2812 Hulska street, on Monday evening. The representative members of the four generations were Mrs. John A. Thosé, 5127 McKissack, who is only 60 years old; Mrs. Joseph A. Hunkeler, 2812 Hulska street, who is 82 years old; Mrs. Emil A. Hartstack, 147 Newhouse avenue, who is 22 years old, and Mrs. Hartstack's young son, Harold, who is 2 years old.

who has been married three times, the last ceremony taking place last June, has seven children, 23 grandchildren and one great-grandchild. Her first husband has been dead 25 years, and her second about two years. For 20 years after the death of her first husband she was a widow.

Mrs. Thosé, the great-grandmother,

The youngest representative of the four generations has an aunt who is one year younger than herself. She is Myrtle Hunkeler, daughter of Mrs. Joseph A. Hunkeler, who is the grandmother of Myrtle's niece.

SOCIETY NEWS

ANNOUNCEMENT of the engagement of Miss Mildred Finlay, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. J. Will Finlay of Woodlawn, Kirkwood, to Mr. R. E. Murrell of Kirkwood, was made at a home party given Saturday night by Miss Finlay.

The wedding will probably be in the late spring. Those present were: Misses Laura Gore, Gladys Murrell, Noble Finlay, Ruth Finlay, Marie Brooks, Mable Sutter and Ella McCredie.

Mrs. Sarah Rubelmann of 41 Lewis place will depart after Christmas for Eureka Springs, Ark., to stay until spring.

Miss Dorcas Carleton, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Murray Carleton of 4511 Lindell boulevard, will depart the last of the month for Kansas City to visit Miss Edith Barton.

Misses Marie and Jane Wight, daughters of Mr. and Mrs. Ira E. Wight of Brentmoor Park, will arrive Saturday from Miss Wright's school at Bryn Mawr.

Thursday afternoon little Miss Alice Mizner, the infant daughter of the Rev. and Mrs. Henry W. Mizner, was christened at St. Stephen's mission, 520 Rutgers street.

Mrs. William Christy Bryan and Mrs. Harry C. January were godmothers and George Arnold Randolph was godfather. The child was named for Mrs. Mizner's mother, Mrs. Postlewaite, who has been dead many years.

Only a few relatives and friends were present and Mr. Mizner himself officiated.

Who Is the Best Dancer in St. Louis?

The Friday Dancing Club of Kirkwood has announced its second ball of the winter for New Year's evening at the Kirkwood Country Club. The honorees for the occasion will be Misses C. Perley Hutchinson, Horace W. Beck, George Lane Edwards, Theodore B. Entz, Julian C. Harvey, Stratford Lee Morton, George R. Robinson, Claire W. Shanda, Robert T. Deacon and Francis E. Waddock.

The arrangements are in charge of a committee including Messrs. Walter R. Skinner, Laurence G. Miller, Norman H. MacMillan, John C. Wilkinson, Guy H. Kinnear, F. M. Jones, Julian C. Harvey, Theodore B. Entz, Richard J. Compton Jr., John K. Broderick and Davis Biggs.

Miss Lorraine Sichel, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. William Sichel of New York, will arrive the last of the week from Miss Wright's school at Bryn Mawr to spend Christmas with her grandparents. Mr. and Mrs. James Henry Allen of 3681 Lindell boulevard.

Mrs. Sichel, who was formerly Miss Ruby Allen, has come here with her other children, John Allen and Ruby Sichel, to reside in her father's house while her mother is in Mercedes, Tex.

Mr. Sichel will come on for the holidays and Mrs. Allen will depart for the South directly afterward.

Misses Julia and Nancy Bates, daughters of Mr. and Mrs. Charles F. Bates of 435 Westminster place, gave a luncheon today at the Woman's Club.

The guests numbered 40 girls, who included the debutantes of this winter and some from last season. Miss Nancy is making her bow this winter and Miss Julia was introduced last.

The decorations were all in red roses and the details were carried out in red.

Who Is the Best Dancer in St. Louis?

Miss Emma Webster Powell of 4023 Washington boulevard, State president of the United States Daughters of 1821, will entertain that society on Thursday. Miss Powell will be assisted by the 10 Real Daughters of the society, who reside in St. Louis.

Miss Marybelle Woodruff of Winnetka, Canada, formerly of Webster, is here for the holidays and is the guest of Mrs. C. O. Hodgson of 2427 Sidney street, and will visit her sister.

Steinberg's

Olive at Tenth

Are Making the Most Unusual Price Concession in Their History in Offering Their

Entire Stock of FURS

At 25% Discount

This is very important news to prospective fur buyers.

Steinberg's Furs are the very finest and absolutely dependable—they have a reputation of more than thirty-five years, and to buy them at concessions in the height of the fur-buying season, right before the holidays, is a real opportunity.

This offering of 25 per cent discount is absolutely unprecedented. It is occasioned by a lack of demand for quality furs, and we propose to stimulate it in this manner. You have the privilege of making your selection from our entire stock. Not a single piece reserved.

Coats—Sets—Separate Scarfs or Muffs

All the finest, as well as dependable moderate priced furs, are included.

Just South of Busy Bee.

Myles

Seventh St., Between Locust and St. Charles.

Only Two Days More

Of Our Greatest Coat and Suit Sale. Wednesday and Thursday Winds Up the Choice-of-the-House

AT \$10 SUIT SALE AT \$15

\$10 Your Choice of Any Women's or Misses' Suits That Formerly Sold Up to and Including \$25.00

In this lot there are more than 200 Suits to choose from. All are the newest styles, in very desirable materials. All colors and sizes.

\$15 Your Unrestricted Choice of Any Suit in Our Entire Stock, Regardless of Former Prices, Values to \$55.00

In this lot are the very best Suits we have. Newest models, in all lengths. Some fur trimmed. Finest materials. A wonderful lot of fine Suits. All sizes and colors.

Winter Coats At Less Than 1/2 Price 450 to Choose From

\$6.75

Don't overlook this wonderful opportunity for a great Coat bargain. No matter what you want or what style—you will find it at one of these prices. All materials; all sizes; all colors.

\$10

Values to \$29.50.

Kline's

509 Washington Av., Near Broadway

\$39.75 Ponyskin Fur Coats

On Special Sale Wednesday

\$25

A SPECIAL purchase of these fine quality Fur Ponyskin Coats is responsible for this offer. Made in the new flare models with fur belt and finished with rich fur collars of genuine fitch, civet cat, skunk or opossum—40 inches long—lined with guaranteed silk—excellent \$39.75 values—priced \$25.

Sale of Fur Sets & Muffs

Red Fox Sets—Large animal muffs with head and tail—snake animal scarf—silk lining—\$25.00 value—\$16.75 on sale at, per set.

Black Lynx and Natural Lynx Sets—Fancy scarfs with plain or trimmed muffs—\$25.00 values—on sale \$18.75 at, per set.

Near Seal and Fitch Combination Sets—Different models—scarfs and muffs—\$40.00 values—on sale at, \$29.75 per set.

Fitch Sets—Extra large pillow muffs—fancy scarf to match—clear skins—\$65.00 value—set \$49.75

Black Wolf Muffs, at... \$5.50, \$7.75, \$9.75, \$12.50

Jap Mink Muffs, at... \$9.75, \$11.75, \$17.50, \$27.50

Hudson Seal Muffs, at... \$23. \$25, \$27.50, \$32.50

Skunk-Raccoon Muffs, at... \$17.50, \$19.50, \$25



A Coat Sale

That Provides the Newest Styles and Materials—Coats Valued Up to \$27.50, at

\$7.50 and \$12.50

EXCELLENT Coats—in all the prevailing styles—of broadcloths, pebble chevrons, silk-lined Hindoo lynx, pomeire, rich broadtail with seakette trimming, corduroy, worsteds, zibeline, checks, plaids, white chinchilla, etc. A great variety of styles—in various lengths. You are sure to find the very Coat you require in these two groups. Unequaled values at \$7.50 and \$12.50.

\$16.95, \$18.50, \$20 & \$22.50 Dresses

For Street and Afternoon Wear

In One Big Group for Wednesday's Selling—Choice at

\$6.95

JUST 180 Dresses in the lot—suitable for every occasion—handsome crepe de chine, beautiful charmeuse and satin Dresses, dainty lace and silk combinations, also a few Velvet and Serge Dresses. They were just received from Eastern manufacturers who sacrificed their surplus stocks in order to turn them over into cash—that's the reason we can offer you such extreme values. Three of the many styles are here illustrated—there are scores of others equally attractive. Every size and every color is represented. This is by all means the most notable dress occasion of the season, and we urge your early selection Wednesday. Values to \$22.50—choice at \$6.95.



A Timely Sale of Dainty New Blouses

\$2.95 and \$3.95 Values at

\$2.25

A SPECIAL purchase of almost 1000 charming new Blouses is responsible for this great waist opportunity.

This is the best Waist news you've read this season, for the reason that it provides the most attractive styles in beautiful Crepe de Chine Blouses combined with lace, dainty Georgette crepes, Allover Lace in the new sand shades, Blouses draped over chiffon, crepe de chine combined with chiffon, rich black lace over white chiffon. Nearly 100 styles in all, six of which are here shown—new, clean, fresh merchandise. Each Blouse will be packed in an Xmas box.



MUSTEROLE

A Great Sale of CHRISTMAS SLIPPERS

For Men, Women and Child.

Men's Everett Slippers, made with cushion insole—on sale in the Slipper Bazaar at, per pair.....

79c

Men's Everett Slippers of fine leather—exceptionally good qualities—on sale Wednesday at, per pair.....

98c

Men's Everett and Opera Slippers—black and tan—excellent qualities—on sale at, per pair.....

98c

Men's Romeo Slippers—black tan, fine kid—on sale Wednesday, pair.....

\$1.33

Boys' Slippers—just like daddy's—fine kid—hand-turned—per pair.....

\$1.65

Women's Crochet Slippers—All colors—per pair.....

49c

Children's Crochet Slippers—per pair.....

45c

Children's Comfy Slippers—fancy designs—per pair.....

98c

Women's Felt Slippers—soft soles—finished with collar—ribbon bow—per pair.....

98c

Women's Felt Slippers in gray, brown and wine colors—soft wool insole—finished with silk rompons—per pair.....

69c

Women's Felt Juliets—turn soles—leather heels—pretty finished—various colors—on sale at, per pair.....

98c

Children's Felt Booties—warm and com.—per pair.....

98c

Women's Felt Juliets—various colors—trimmed with fur—leather sole and solid leather heel—per pair.....

98c

SHOEMART
"THE PLACE TO BUY SHOES"
507 Washington Ave.

DOCTOR ORDERED FROM NAVY BALL IS SUED BY WIFE

Nurse Named in Action Against Dr. Crowles Who Figured in Boston Affair.

COURTMARTIALS RESULTED

Row at Dance in 1909 Said to Have Started by Man's Attentions to Girl.

Special to the Post-Dispatch.
PORTSMOUTH, N. H., Dec. 15.—Dr. Edward S. Crowles, who formerly lived in Boston and now conducts a sanitarium here and came into notoriety because of a navy yard dance in 1909, was sued for divorce yesterday by his wife, Florence J. Crowles. In her suit Mrs. Crowles names a nurse employed at the sanitarium and women in Boston and Portland. She also charges her husband with using profane and abusive language and conduct injurious to her health, and says he made her live and associate with lunatics. She is the daughter of Harry J. Jaquith, a Brookline (Mass.) lawyer.

Dr. Crowles was the central figure in a sensational affair at a Boston navy yard dance which resulted in the court-martial of Assistant Surgeon A. H. Robnett and Paymaster George P. Auld of the United States Navy.

Sensational Testimony Promised.
Ernest L. Giffith, counsel for Mrs. Crowles, is authority for the statement that the trial will develop sensational testimony.

Dr. Edward S. Crowles and his wife were the central figures in a row that split the Boston navy yard in December, 1909.

The trouble occurred at a dance given at the home of Medical Director Howard E. Ames at the yard, and just what caused it has never been thoroughly explained, although the taking of a young woman's picture by Dr. Crowles seems to have been one of the chief causes. While on the floor of the ballroom after the first dance, Paymaster George P. Auld approached Dr. Crowles and told him to leave the house and never appear there again.

Later, when he was leaving, Dr. Crowles was seized by Auld and fell against a door. The doctor insisted that Auld hit him.

Girl Figured in Affair.
The next day Assistant Surgeon Ansey H. Robnett called upon Dr. Crowles, according to Dr. Ames' report to the Navy Department, and threatened him. Surgeon Robnett and Paymaster Auld were court-martialed.

The "tempest in a teapot," as it was characterized by one connected with the case, centered about Dr. Crowles' attentions to Miss Dorothy Healer, 18, the daughter of a naval surgeon.

As a result of the court-martial both officers were sentenced by the court to a loss of five numbers. The fine was remitted by Assistant Secretary of the Navy Vinthrop in the case of Paymaster Auld, and Surgeon Robnett's loss was reduced to two numbers.

Miss Madeline Swift, daughter of Rear Admiral William Swift, broke her engagement to Harry Dyer Storer of Atlanta, Ga., and after the trial married Paymaster Auld. Miss Healer, it was said, was engaged to marry Dr. Robnett.

7 DEAD, 3 MISSING IN GAS EXPLOSION IN CLEVELAND

Nine Others Injured When Apartment Building Is Wrecked—Five in One Family Killed.

CLEVELAND, O., Dec. 15.—Police men and firemen today were searching the ruins of a two-story brick apartment house in Madison avenue, wrecked last night by a gas explosion, for the bodies of three persons supposed to be buried in the debris.

Seven dead have been recovered, five being members of one family, and nine persons who were more or less injured are in hospitals. Physicians said that the injured probably will recover.

Windows for a block around the apartment building were broken. The exact cause of the explosion has not been ascertained. The wreck of the building was blown out and the wreckage caught fire.

GIFTS TO BE SOUGHT BY PHONE

Supplies for Missouri Ship for Europe to Be Solicited Saturday.

Telephone solicitation will be used, both in St. Louis and in rural Missouri, to obtain the supplies needed by the Missouri Charity Day Committee for filling the ship which this State is to send for the relief of the destitute in the European war zone. The chief calling-up of business men and farmers for the purpose of asking gifts will take place next Saturday.

Gov. Major will meet the committee at the Planters Hotel, Wednesday, at 3 p. m. to decide on details of the campaign. Four hundred Missouri towns have promised to make contributions. Tag-day methods will be adopted in Fayette and Moberly, it has been learned.

Flows special, 3 lbs. fine candy, \$1. Candles, 15c pound up. 521 Olive.

Wagonload of Groceries Stolen.
A wagon load of merchandise belonging to Eli Kahan, grocer, at 1818 Biddle street, disappeared from in front of 3283 Magazine street last night and an hour later the horse and wagon were found at Twenty-third street and Cass avenue. The groceries were missing.

CORA: Let's get married and go home Christmas. I'll get the diamond ring from the City of the National Credit Jewellers, 21 floor, 308 N. 6th st.

Famous London Bookseller Dies.
LONDON, Dec. 15.—Bertram Dobell, the most famous of London's second-hand book sellers and an author of talent, died yesterday.

Christmas Candy, 3 lbs. in Holly Box for \$1

Christmas Fruit Cake, 3 lbs. for \$1

Red Cross Seal—All Exchange Deals

Give the Gift That Cannot Fail to Please
Gift Certificates
They're like so much cash—as good as a gold bond. We issue them to any amount desired, redeemable at any time in any department.
At All Exchange Banks

Famous-Banc
ENTIRE BLOCK OLIVE, LOCUST, SIXTH AND SEVENTH STS.
Largest Distributors of Merchandise at Retail in St. Louis or the West
We Give Large Stamps and Modern Full Books for \$2 in Cash or \$2.50 in Merchandise—New Restricted Article Are Excepted.

Leave Your Wraps in Our Custody
While shopping, you'll find it much easier to shop unhindered with outer wraps. Special check room where they're hung up while you are shopping. Also leave parcels at FREE check room.
Main Floor Gallery



To Gift Seekers

The Helpfulness to Gift Seekers Extends Over Another Day in This Sale of

Luxurious Furs at 1/3 to 1/2 Less

'Twould be hard, indeed, to find a more appropriate or practical gift than dependable Furs like these. It's impossible to find such values as are here given.

The misfortune of a leading New York furrier in having a heavy surplus owing to the impossibility of exporting to Europe, is the good fortune of gift buyers who choose here.

Every piece new & correct in style, made of perfectly matched & expertly chosen pelts.

\$14.75 to \$19.75 Sets, \$10
\$22.50, \$25 & \$30 Sets, \$15

In this lot are red fox, kid, coney, Hudson lynx, white Iceland fox and marmot Sets, in wide variety of newest style muffs and scarfs.

\$32.50, \$35 & \$39.75 Fur Sets, \$19.75

Civet cat, Jap mink, black fox, red fox, mole, pointed Jap wolf, natural racoon Sets, striking styles.

\$37.50, \$42.50 & \$49.75 Sets, \$24.75

Beautiful Sets of Jap mink, natural racoon, red and black fox, mole, fancy near seal and combination Sets of near seal and fitch.

\$47.50, \$49.75 & \$55 Sets, \$35

Genuine mink, skunk, black fox, red fox, Jap mink, kit fox and civet cat Sets, fashioned from beautifully blended skins.

CHRISTMAS
8
MORE DAYS
To Shop

\$25 Dinner Sets
\$18.57

A special lot of 28 100-piece Dinner Sets from the Pope Gossier China Co. This ware is very light weight & almost translucent, as Limoges French china. The pieces are modeled in the plain shape now so much in favor, the decoration is a beautiful coin gold band & solid coin gold handles, with bread & butter plates.

\$15.50 English semi-porcelain 100-piece Dinner Sets, \$15.50.

\$25 C. F. Haviland 100-piece Dinner Sets, \$18.50.

\$15 American semi-porcelain 100-piece Dinner Sets, \$11.75.

\$12.50 American semi-porcelain white & gold Dinner Sets, \$9.95.

Fancy China

Wednesday Special Prices

Hand-painted Nippon China

\$1.50 Chases & Cracker Dishes, \$1.

35 Vases, \$2.00.

33 Dresser Sets, \$1.75.

11 7-piece Nut Sets, 75c.

Decorated German China

150 Chop Plates, 50c.

25 Salad Plates, 10c.

25 Baby Plates, 10c.

\$2.50 Nippon Lardner Sets, \$1.44.

\$2 Nippon China Decorated 7-piece salad Sets, \$1.00.

\$1.95 Velour Plush Hoods, \$1
300 fetching Velour Plush Hoods for women, misses & children. They come in black or white face band, just like illustration. Each Hood is packed in holly box.
Third Floor

New Victrolas and Records

A Special Christmas Offer

This genuine Victrola with 12 selections and a record cabinet valued at \$10, for \$24.50.

Easy Payments Arranged

This is the only store in St. Louis, as far as we know, that does not send Victrolas or Records out on approval.

All Records are sealed by us when received from the factory, are perfect and sanitary.

\$15 to \$250

\$24.50 (Sixth Floor.)

Solo-art

Player-Pianos

\$445

\$5 or \$10

All you need pay until after Jan. 1, 1915.

A Christmas Gift Par Excellence.

Sixth Floor

Headquarters for Pictorial Review Patterns



Silver Casseroles, 1/3 Less

Heavy quadruple silver-plated casseroles purchased at a price advantage from a leading silversmith. Octagon or oblong shapes, with holder in pierced design & handles as shown in illustration, being fitted with Guernsey fillers.

2-pt., \$3.50 value, \$2.49
3-pt., \$5.00 value, \$2.98
\$5 Baking Dishes, \$3.29

Large size quadruple silver plated Baking Dishes, in burnished & engraved design, just 125 in this lot to sell at this figure.

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December Opportunities:

Last week's
Post-Dispatch Wants 11,029
Globe-Democrat, Republic and
Times COMBINED 11,016
Post-Dispatch Wants Bring RESULTS!

ST. LOUIS POST-DISPATCH

PAGES 13-22.

ST. LOUIS, TUESDAY EVENING, DECEMBER 15, 1914.—PART TWO.

PAGES 13-22.

Get Extra Christmas Money!

Post-Dispatch FOR SALE Wants find buyers.
Count last week:
Post-Dispatch 1207
The FOUR others combined 716

Xmas Tokens

From Our Immense Stock
Do Not End December 25th
But Give Delight and Satisfaction
Throughout the Years to Come.

Scarf Pins for Him

Dainty, hand-wrought platinum design, Oriental sapphire and 4 white diamonds... **\$70.00**

Effective design in platinum. Delicate pink coral cameo and 4 brilliant diamonds... **\$32.00**

Distinctive design of platinum with fine emerald and 3 diamonds... **\$50.00**

A very beautiful pin, set with rich pearl of pear shape and 4 sparkling diamonds, priced at... **\$100**

One of our very recent creations of fine platinum work, containing beautiful sapphire and 4 white diamonds, priced at... **\$54.00**

Exclusive concept of platinum with 6 Oriental sapphires and 16 white diamonds, priced at... **\$200**

Beautifully wrought of fine platinum, and set with two diamonds and an Oriental sapphire. A pin that will be much admired and a splendid value at... **\$60.00**

Fares Refunded
according to the Associated Retailers' Plan.

We Have specialized in Jewelry for 30 odd years. Make your selections from our large, unbroken lines of advanced styles. We sell only the best.

WHEN BUYING HERE
you have the decided advantage of a large, diversified stock in the several departments, and our guarantee of its sterling worth. Don't overlook this point, when making your purchases.

Prudent buyers, in selecting their gifts, look further ahead than Christmas morning. They consider the elements of permanence, stability and actual merit, before choosing.

Fares Refunded
according to the Associated Retailers' Plan.

Kess & Culbertson
"The HALLMARK Store"
Seventh and St. Charles

HOBOS FAIL IN EFFORT TO TAKE SOUP BY STORM

How and Followers Demand Service, but Are Driven From Kitchen.

OTHERS IN LINE 2 HOURS

3000 Bowls Given Away Yesterday and 1007 Men Spent Night at Lodging House.

James Eads How and about 300 of his followers marched from the municipal lodging house into the free soup kitchen last night and demanded immediate service. Soup kitchen officials pointed to a long line of men, some of whom had waited two hours for their turn. How's men were ordered to get in the line, but How took them back into the lodging house, reappearing in a few minutes in another effort to be served without having to wait.

The hobos were quickly routed this time by cries of "Throw them out" and "Let How feed his own men." About 3000 bowls of soup were given away.

The Public Welfare Department, which last night took charge of the Municipal Lodging House, had 1007 guests. All were in the building by 9 p. m. which has been designated as the dining hall. Director of Public Welfare Tolke expects to have overalls and jumpers ready tonight for his lodgers. They will be used as pajamas. Lodgers will be required to bathe before donning the "pajamas," their clothing will be sterilized and they will be subjected to medical inspection.

The Municipal Lodging House had been operated a month this year under the Police Department's direction, while waiting for the appropriation for its maintenance to become effective. East St. Louis may have two free soup kitchens as a result of Mayor Chamberlin and other officials visiting the St. Louis soup kitchen. One probably will be established in the police station there, and former Mayor M. M. Stevens has offered the use of a building at 318 Missouri avenue for the other. John Domhoff is chairman of a committee to formulate plans for the East Side soup houses.

It is planned to ask 150 persons to contribute \$2 each every month for the maintenance of the East Side Kitchen. Butchers and grocers have offered to contribute scrap meat and vegetables for the soup if a committee will collect them. More than 100 men usually sleep in the future room of the police station each night, and food is given for them occasionally by charitable persons.

Starr & Reed, Philadelphia, Awarded Contract.
The contract for supplying the Grid-Iron Club Dinner with cigarettes at Washington, Saturday, Dec. 12, was given to Starr & Reed, Philadelphia.

SON OF RICH MAN RETURNS TO FIND FAMILY DESTITUTE

Wife of J. Allen Ware Jr. Had Asked Police to Search for Her Husband.

J. Allen Ware Jr., son of a wealthy St. Louis County contractor, returned to his home at 329 Chouteau avenue last night, a few hours after his wife, Ethel, had asked the police to find him. She said she and her 5-year-old daughter were destitute. The girl was taken to the city hospital yesterday, suffering from pneumonia. Ware said he had been out of town looking for work.

Mrs. Ware in November, 1913, had her husband arrested after she learned he had taken out a license to marry another woman. He was released when she said he did not mean to commit bigamy, but took out the license to "bluff" his wife into returning to him. Ware's father, J. Allen Ware, is the owner of the Woodlands stock farm, near Bridgeton, formerly owned by Barney Schreiber. When Ware bought the farm, in 1911, it was said he paid \$150,000 for it.

Stove, Range and Furnace Repairs.
A. G. Brager Supply Co., 316 N. 3d st.

CLUB TREASURER SOUGHT

Cavaliers Dancers Ask Police to Find Miss Blanche Bernero.

The Cavaliers Club, a dancing organization, with 12 young women members, has asked the police to look for its treasurer, Miss Blanche Bernero, whose address on the club's roster was 4750 Cottage avenue.

Miss Mamie Cafferata of 3330 Lucas avenue and Miss Leota du Plech of 4115 Cook avenue, president and secretary of the club, yesterday told Chief Allender that Miss Bernero has \$102.10 of the club's money and they have been unable to find her since Dec. 1, though they visited the Cottage avenue residence where she was supposed to live.

Ever Suck an Orange or Lemon through Stick Candy? It is a treat for grownups as well as children. Oakes' all-sugar stick, 2c round.

Dies in a Police Cell.

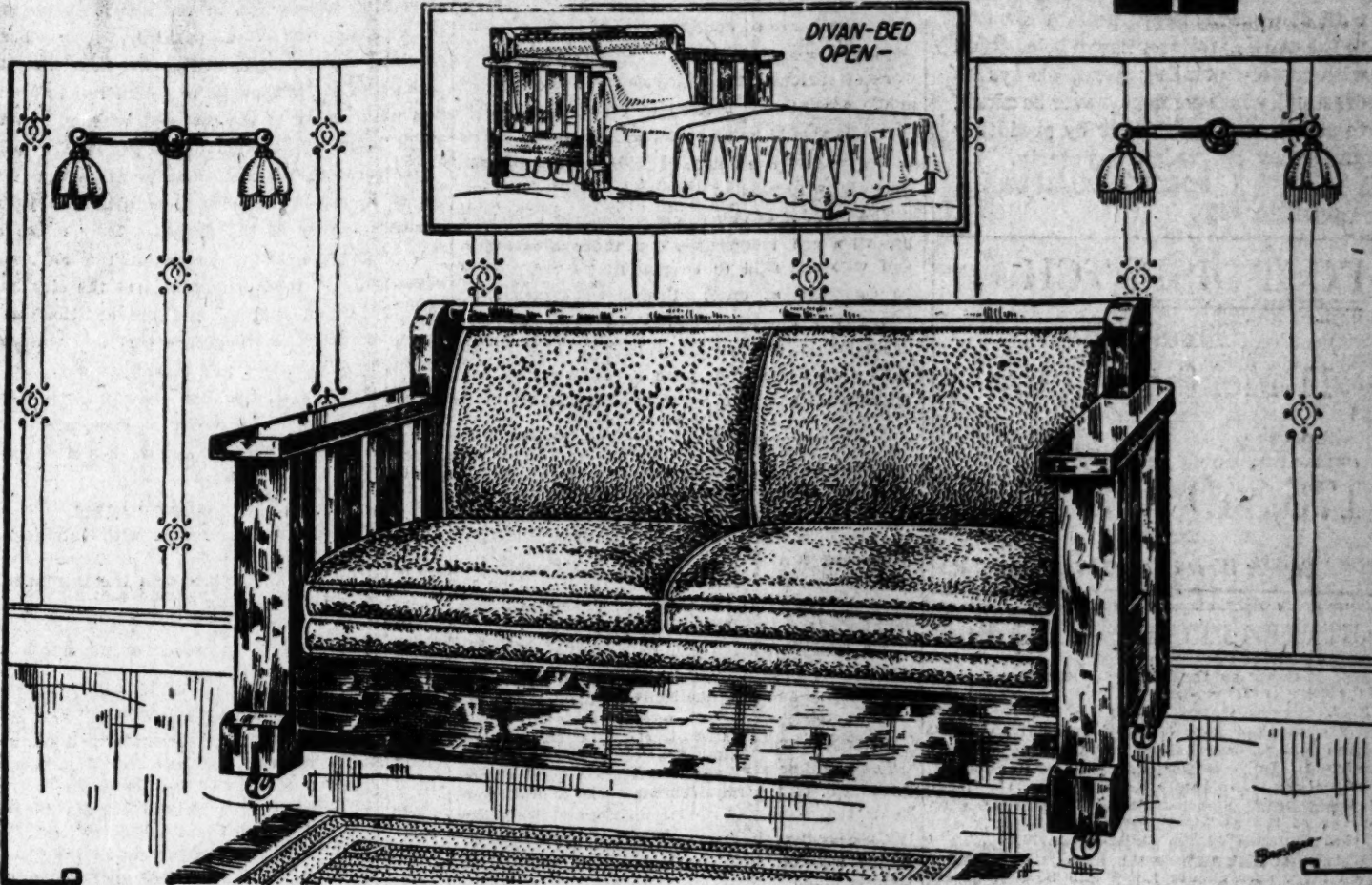
A man who said he was Burt A. Gull, 32 years old, a navy deserter, fell dead in a cell at Central Police Station last night. City hospital doctors found he had been subject to epilepsy. He surrendered at Central Station Sunday and said he wanted to be taken back to his post at Annapolis, Md.

Busy Bee Candles for Christmas. In Beautiful Boxes. Gifts that charm.

New "Divan-Bed" Davenport

The Biggest Hit of the Entire Season!

TERMS—\$1.50 CASH—\$1.50 A MONTH **\$22.50**



A Christmas Suggestion of the Most Practical Sort

Handsome in Appearance

This splendid piece of furniture is different from anything you have heretofore seen in this line—it is a neat and attractive settee for the parlor, library or sitting room—takes up much less space than the old style Davenport—and is more convenient in every way.

The Construction

A glance at the picture will impress you with the beauty and dignity of this Divan-Bed Davenport—the frames are of solid oak in Colonial design, with broad arms and heavy posts—and the interior construction is of the same high standard.

The Upholstering

The seat and back of this Divan-Bed Davenport are upholstered in a fine quality of imitation leather that looks exactly like real leather and will wear almost as well when put to the test of actual service.

Presto—and It's a Bed

This Divan-Bed Davenport is made on a new principle—the spring, mattress and bedding are under the seat and come into position when the seat is turned, so you do not sleep on the upholstering as in the case with other bed-davenports you have seen.

Has Regular Bed Springs

A special feature of this Bed-Davenport is the set of broad, comfortable springs which support the mattress when the Davenport is opened—the mattress, by the way, is removable so it can be cleaned, aired and turned.

Our Price—\$22.50

We offer this handsome Divan-Bed Davenport—including the springs—(without the mattress) for only \$22.50—an offering that we know has no equal anywhere in St. Louis, and at terms that are pleasing—only \$1.50 cash and \$1.50 a month.

All Goods marked
in plain figures

MAY, STERN & CO.
CORNER TWELFTH AND OLIVE STS.

Strictly one price
to everyone

Swope Slippers as Gifts

Are both useful and attractive—especially this year. They are such intimate remembrances for members of the family or dear friends—we have all styles here at very moderate prices.

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LETTERS FROM THE PEOPLE

Usher on the Monroe Doctrine.
To the Editor of the Post-Dispatch.

Prof. Usher's statements, if he has been correctly quoted, in your issue of this date, page 2, column 2, delivered before the Washington University Dental Association, are professionally unethical and absolutely untenable in the light of the political history of the United States, as well as of the political history of Germany and of the countries of the civilized world. It is unethical, to say the least, that an educated man, who should know and be able properly to interpret the history of the United States, should say that a "doctrine" which has stood the test of international diplomacy with all civilized nations for upwards of 100 years, "amounts to nothing." There was not a President of the United States since the days of Monroe who has not been called upon in one manner or other to reiterate and insist on the proper respect for the Monroe Doctrine; neither has there been a time since the days of Monroe that the "doctrine" which bears his name has not been accorded the fullest respect by the nations of the civilized world. Now, the children of all the grades of our public schools are being taught the history, the meaning and the import of the Monroe Doctrine; the United States has stood ready "at arms" at all times to defend it; never has it been properly questioned or impugned; the greatest men of the history of the last 100 years have acknowledged it and yet Usher maligns it, ridicules it and sets it utterly at naught. Prof. Usher has, I think, on other occasions as now, essayed to tell the people of the United States some things about their coast and land defenses. I should like to ask Prof. Usher whether he has seen and understands the present defenses of the Panama Canal? Whether he has ever made a scientific comparison of the result of the action of 10 battleships against the fortifications of the harbor of New York. If Prof. Usher will tell me and the readers of the Post-Dispatch that he has seen, understood and properly, scientifically, compared these things, I shall consider him only unethical for his unjustifiable assessment of the Monroe Doctrine. If he has neither seen nor understood what we believe to be satisfactory coast defenses, then I believe Washington University trustees should give him a quietus. W. P. SACHS.

Unjust and Unlucky.

To the Editor of the Post-Dispatch.
I notice that some 400 or 500 employees of the Street and Water Departments, mostly laborers, have been laid off on account of lack of city funds. These unfortunate are those who only earn an existence and they and their dear ones need all they can get to keep the wolf from the door. Why not lay off a few of those professional "chair warmers" in the offices of the above departments, who have nothing to do but smoke cigars and look wise? Those who are drawing their \$100 to \$250 per month and do not know what it is to "earn their living by the sweat of their brow." ONE WHO KNOWS.

Bad City Management.

To the Editor of the Post-Dispatch.
Can the Water Commissioner, the president of the Board of Public Service, the Director of Public Utilities or some of the others of our high-sighted city officials explain why they cannot reduce the wages of the higher paid employees, not excluding themselves, instead of laying off the poor workmen whose monthly wages mean food and warmth for their families and themselves? They lay them off during the bad weather. During bad weather men don't need coal and wood or food; they can live on expectation. This proposed action is one of the meanest and most selfish of the many "flukes" our municipal government has to its credit.

Railroad Needs.

To the Editor of the Post-Dispatch.
Referring to your editorial of Dec. 2 quoting Mr. Clifford Thorne of Iowa, I wish to say: "In nature's chain whatever link you strike, tenth of ten thousand breaks the chain alike." The present situation of our railroads is like nature's chain, and it or they envelop nearly all vocations in life. Break any link and like a row of bricks, all will topple over. Mr. Clifford Thorne is the contrary. We face a condition, not a theory. Ready's Mirror of Dec. 10 states the condition we are facing as lucidly as any could wish and it will be hard for Mr. Thorne or anyone else to successfully controvert what Ready says.

Please reproduce Ready's article that the public may judge. It concerns every railroad or every party either interested in railroad securities or general business (for it is as deeply interested as the railroad security holders).

Whether Ready's views are yours or not, I know your sense of justice is such that you will not so renege.

500 CITY EMPLOYEES TURNED OFF.

With the problem of the unemployed greater than it has been for many years past the City of St. Louis adds to the acuteness of conditions at the beginning of winter by the discharge of 500 men who have been doing work for the divisions of streets, sewers and water supply.

This is not due to any lessening in the city's need for workers, but to the exhaustion of different budget funds from which the men have been paid.

"Comptroller Player will not hear of a supplementary appropriation," says Commissioner Wall, in admitting that he could find work for men if he had money to pay them.

"I have refused no supplementary appropriations," says Comptroller Player. "If any head of a division needs money for necessary work, it will be found."

The discharge of employees under these circumstances is a great blunder. The city always has work of various sorts which can be performed to public advantage. Instead of reducing its force, St. Louis should be planning ways, as other cities of the country are doing, of relieving the general distress by increasing its force.

The blunder of city officials, whoever they may be, who are responsible for these discharges, and who are said to be planning more, should be corrected at once. Proper co-operation between the financial, legislative and executive departments will enable this rich city to do justice to those who serve it. The public will approve all efforts to meet the emergency.

"UNFRIENDLY" WELL, RATHER.

It will be an "unfriendly" act, if the United States uses force to prevent Mexicans from firing across the boundary at Naco, Ariz., and hitting American residents. So says Carranza, and Carranza has it right. It will be a decidedly unfriendly act, so unfriendly that there will be no more killing and wounding of Americans that way for a long time to come.

The casualties from this cause have reached a total of 53, quite enough to justify the use of the speediest means of stopping it.

UNION ELECTRIC'S NEW DEPOSIT RULE.

The annulment by the Union Electric Light and Power Co. of the requirement as to a deposit of \$5 or \$10, according to circumstances, to insure the payment of bills is in line with the more intelligent public utility policy. That the concession is made just at the time when the Laclede Gas Co. is trying to revive a meter rental to encourage the burning of at least 50 cents' worth of gas in all months of the year will not be lost on the public.

Probably no business in the ordinary commercial lines, in which active competition must be met, suffers as small losses from "bad bills" as the utility companies. In addition to the protection of franchises, most of them enjoy a virtual monopoly in the form of service they give. A man can't run up a big bill and avoid paying by dealing with the store on the other side of the street.

Traction companies collect in advance and other utilities are not content with the simple means of enforcing payment by withholding the necessity they supply. An elaborate system of deposits, or penalties for nonpayment by specified dates, of guaranteed minimum consumption, survives from the days when public service corporations controlled politics and municipalities. Some of the exactions are tolerated because the people have become habituated to the custom or have never known anything better or are unable to help themselves.

The butcher, the baker, the candlestick maker cannot exact an arbitrary payment for the privilege of doing business with them. In the supply of water under pressure the ready-to-serve cost is a factor as in other utilities, but few city-owned water departments require deposits or minimum charges. Arbitrary exactions, other forms of rape that only exasperate, can be advantageously cut out by privately owned utilities.

A COLD GREETING TO HOBSON.

At a dinner of over 800 Pennsylvanians, Representative Hobson perhaps had a right to expect that the policy for lavish expenditures for war preparedness would be received with enthusiasm. Their State is the home of the big armor-plate manufacturers. On the Delaware have been built many of the big battleships of the navy. Pennsylvania is a State where business and politics have been thoroughly blended, and where the opinion prevails that it is the fixed duty of the Government to give first consideration to contractors and capitalists of industry. That so representative a company of Pennsylvanians should show itself indifferent to the inducements held out in Representative Hobson's plea for big armaments must have been a surprising revelation to him. Obviously they were not dazzled by the prospect of big fleets and enormous appropriations, and they took the opportunity to prove that their hearts are in the right place.

If agitators of the Hobson type will take the trouble to feel out popular sentiment, they will discover soon or late that Americans are not in love with military display and are not in a chronic state of alarm over invasion by hostile Powers.

PREPAREDNESS FOR FIGHTING.

The Providence Journal, advocating "a reasonable expansion of our military establishment," says:

The nation that is ready to defend itself may count most confidently on freedom from attack.

From which we infer that the news of the last four months in Europe has not yet reached Providence.

The European countries were prepared—for fighting: England with the world's mightiest navy; Germany with the world's best equipped army; Russia with the largest military force ever assembled by any monarch; France with an army so large it includes even her great artists, scientists, educators; Belgium with an army large for so small a nation and extraordinarily brave and efficient against great odds; Serbia with almost

every male between 13 and 60 trained to war; Austria with the biggest and best drilled army the dual monarchy ever possessed; Japan with an army 50 per cent and a navy 100 per cent effective than when the Japanese whipped Russia.

We have seen what comes from having great preparedness for fighting. It is our judgment that after this orgy of international murder has spent itself, the same survivors will demand that a trial be made of preparedness for peace. Let us not be too swift in building vast armaments.

THE PARKWAY BILL.

If the members of the Council vote their expressed convictions on the Central Parkway bill tonight, St. Louis will have a handsome Christmas present. The preliminary steps for the construction of the parkway will be authorized.

The pending bill provides for the initial process in determining the value of land and the amount of assessment in the district necessary to the completion of the parkway. It is a business-like measure that will enable both the city authorities and the public to obtain full information with regard to the cost and benefits. There ought to be no question of its passing.

Of course the greater benefits will not be included in the information to be obtained by the business survey of the project. They relate to the redemption of a section of the city, the beautifying of the surroundings of the city hall and the Union Station, and the addition of a great, attractive thoroughfare east and west between Twelfth street and Grand avenue. It is a long step toward the City Beautiful.

The Council surely ought to demonstrate as much public spirit as the House has shown.

A GALLANT FEAT OF ARMS.

Wherever courage in union with intelligence is held in esteem, the feat of Lieutenant-Commander Norman B. Holbrook in the Dardanelles will command admiration.

To attack two more ships after the sinking of one had revealed his presence in the encounter with the Cressy, the Hogue and the Aboukir required special fortitude in Commander Otto Weddigen of the German submarine U-9, who, with the Emden commander, shares the distinction of being one of the two romantic figures developed during the first months of the war at sea.

But Holbrook of the British submarine B-11 performed a deed of equal gallantry and skill when he braved the swift current of the Dardanelles, dived under five lines of anchored mines, torpedoed the Turkish battleship Mesoudieh and escaped unscathed from the gunnery of the sinking vessel and of the forts that lined the shores of the strait.

If the British navy had more Holbrooks, perhaps there might have been stirring events to break the quietude of the naval deadlock in other parts of the world. What the British public want to know is why mines and shore batteries at Heligoland and Kiel are so much more formidable than German-planted mines and German-commanded shore batteries on the Dardanelles.

AN APPEAL TO EMPLOYERS.

During the past 12 months the State Free Employment Bureau has received over 8000 applications for employment, from various classes of workers. The Superintendent of the Bureau, realizing that special effort is needed at this time to meet the condition of unemployment, is sending a special letter to all employers, urging them to co-operate with the Bureau.

That they have not done this in the past is evident from the fact that the State Bureau complains that it has to compete with the many private employment agencies. These agencies charge an office fee of from \$1 "to an exorbitant sum," quoting the Superintendent's letter.

The private agencies that give good service deserve to live. But those that charge, as the Superintendent says, "an exorbitant sum" to men and women in need of work are as bad as the loan sharks. They are law breakers and should be put out of business.

In the present emergency, employers generally should make full use of the State Free Employment Bureau at 917A Pine street. An army of industrious men and women is threatened with destitution. Without work, thousands will become public charges. The State Bureau cannot perform the service for which it was created unless employers make full use of it.

SELF-SUSTAINING POSTAL SERVICE.

The claim that the Postoffice Department, with a profit for 1914 of \$3,569,545, is "self-sustaining" for the first time since its organization by Benjamin Franklin is a recognition of the charge that the profit shown by Postmaster-General Hitchcock was a fictitious bookkeeping balance and not an actual balance.

Mr. Hitchcock's name at least will be associated with a drastic endeavor to limit the department's extravagances. Even a book balance is better than the huge deficits shown in a long succession of prior years.

The department transacts an enormous public utility business on terms fairly satisfactory to itself. It ought to be self-sustaining, like the Postoffice Departments of foreign Governments, and even to show a profit representing a reasonable percentage on the total volume of its business.

If the policy of Federal aid for good roads is ever forced on Uncle Sam, the amount appropriated in any one year might be limited by general law to the total of such profits. A tremendous amount of waste still remains to be cut out of the department. As between the evils of a free and unlimited franking privilege and the evils of pork barrel highway appropriations, the latter might be preferred, with the barrel restricted to postoffice profits. There would be some benefit for the public in good roads.

Removals of the hobbles on the postal banks, inauguration of aeroplane service and extension of the motor-car service are among the recommendations this year for the governmental department which is in closest touch with the life of the people. How a large corps of aviators trained in the postal service would have value for national defense in emergency is obvious.



DON'T TURN YOUR COLLAR UP TOO HIGH.

JUST A MINUTE

Written for the POST-DISPATCH
by Clark McAdams

PANETELA.

No, Luella—
Not this Winter:
War's decision
Is for Spring.

No one much
Is in a humor
Nowadays
To do a thing.

All the crack shots
In the trenches
Have been taken
Out to keep.

And there won't
Be any fighting
Till the Allies
Begin to peep.

None but very
Old recruits
Hold the line
Along the Alps:

There they have
Their winter quarters,
Dearly burrowed
In the plain.

There the Germans
Play penultimate
Through the long
And bitter day.

And the Allies,
Quite as idle,
Lightly gambol
For their pay.

In the Spring,
My dear Luella,
All the old men
Shall retire,

And the young men,
Having rested,
On a day
Shall open fire.

For the present,
Though my dearie,
No one present
Shall be shot.

Save he interferes
When someone
Is about
To win a pot.

—Hayti (M.) Critic.

JEP HOWE MEETS THE HIGH-TONED FOLKS.

Jep Howe is a great hunter and four-flusher when in his own bailiwick, but while in Negrowood Swamp, near this city, recently, hunting ducks, he met his Waterloo in the shape of a swampy rat who makes his living hunting and trapping. Howe had spoken to the fellow as a superior would to an inferior, and the native hunter took exception, and informed Mr. Howe that he would blow a hole through him that would send him into eternity if he repeated his language, and Howe took him at his word and remained silent. We are sorry the great Jep met such a set-back in this section, but only his ignorance of the demands of the "natives" made him think he was superior to those who trap and hunt for what they eat and wear. We trust that is not the last visit Mr. Howe will make us, but we advise him if he comes again to leave his authoritative ways in St. Louis, where they meet with no, or little resistance.

Without caring much whether the armies of Europe fight on Christmas or not, since they will only resume the slaughter after the holidays, let us all trust that they will fight furiously on All-Fools' Day.

Mr. Taft has pleased Japan with a speech. We have always thought Mr. Taft would do well in Japan.

The Servians are to have their capital back for Christmas.

Maybe Prof. Usher would better "ush a bit."

SOME LOVE SONG.

"Tis dawn in the sky of the world.
Tis dawn in the sky of my heart.
And such is the bud of a rose
Whose petals are trembling apart:
So I come to your door in the dawn,
And breathe you my life in a word.
You would smile, you would lean from your
window, my queen,
If you heard—if you heard.

The air is all throbbing with fire,
And I am a pulse of the flame.
All breathless the universe beats
Like a heart that is tuned to your name.
As the stars in their courses last night
Kept time to each breath that you drew,
But our passion in dumb—O my love you
would come.

If you knew—if you knew.
You would glow in the flush of the dawn
You glisten so softly above;
You would lean like a rose to my cry
Who yearns to the lips of your love,
You would raise him who faints at your
feet.

To a height that his hope never dared,
You would warm the poor cold in your
arms to a god.
If you cared—if you cared.

—London Bookman.

HYMN DRAWING THE COLOR LINE.

The other night, while walking in Truesdale, a man,
not far ahead of us, began singing lustily. The voice
was fraught with so much self-satisfaction that we be-
came interested and quickened our steps to discover the
identity of the singer, and perchance catch the burden of
his song. We soon recognized the familiar figure of one
of our colored friends, and the words that fell from his
poetic lips were as follows:

"We be nearer to de Lord
Dan de white folks and dey know it;
See de glory-gate ahead;
Walk in darkness, pass de guard—
Bet you dollar he won't close it.

"Walk in, darkness, three de gate;
Hear de hallelued and holler;
Go way, white folks, you're too late—
We're de winning kuller. Wait
Till de trumpet blow to follow."

The song was ended. We fell back and left the dusky
optimist alone in the enjoyment of his felicity.

—Warrenton (Mo.) Banner.

THE SUB-CONTRACTOR.

When soldiers go to fight the foe
His cheer's loud as thunder.
But as he cheers he winks and leers
For war to him means plunder.

He hails each man who drills and shoots
As Britain's benefactor.
And he supplies the brave recruits
With rotten boots and shoddy suits—
The genial sub-contractor.

With glee he cries, "They want supplies
To fight for home and freedom:
Now—overtime and profits prime,
Oh, here's the chance to bleed 'em!"

While patriots march to pay our debts
To Potemkin's maulster.
Their sisters and their wives he swears
And richer every day he gets—
The joyous sub-contractor.

He knows our will to pay the bill
When national spirit kindles.
And so he fakes the goods he makes,
And robs, and jabs, and swindles.
And should a Zeppelin o'er us flit
And that destructive factor,
A bomb, come down, 't would be a bit
Of luck if it should chance to hit
The traitorous sub-contractor.

—London Chronicle.

ANSWERS TO QUERIES

HEALTHY HINTS.

JONES.—Sodium phosphate, laxative.
D. G. D. G. D. S.—Disease you mention
should be treated by a capable phy-
sician.

HAPPY GOOLUCKY.—Lasts can be
done for children's teeth. You might try
gumminum extract.

P.—Stomach (stomach) is constriction of per-
one and stomach plate (stomach) may be
grinding down. (Stomach) might ad-
vice you as to stomachic.

ANXIOUS.—If grating of teeth in sleep
is not caused by intestinal worms a lin-
ed or vulcanite plate (denture) may be
recommended. Some teeth may need
grinding down. (Stomach) might ad-
vice you as to stomachic.

JAMES.—A specialist says: When the
ear discharges, roll absorbent cotton on
a toothpick and gently remove all the
moisture in the bowl of the ear. Then
dilute pure peroxide of hydrogen with
an equal amount of warm water and
with a teaspoon or medicine dropper
drop the ear, pulling the ear out to
allow the liquid to penetrate. After this
has bubbled up and become quite warm
turn over the head on a fresh towel. Do
this several times. I should not advise
the use of cotton in the ear, as it is
likely to drive the poison deeper back
into the ear, and thus affect the
drum, sometimes causing deafness.
If the ear aches after the treatment put
a few drops of warm sweet oil into it.

LAW POINTS.

JOHN.—Indemnity bond stamps tax is
a fact.

X. Y. Z.—For garnishment, see Jus-
tice of the Peace.

C. L. D.—Country homestead exempt.
See laws, value limits.

CONSTANT READER.—Phone License
Collector, city hall phone.

GEORGE.—Phone had sent to Health
Department, city hall phone.

SUBSCRIBER.—Wages of married
woman may be garnished 25 per cent
F. G.—You may vote on first paper
in Missouri, until they have a year or
two.

KAISER.—Naturalization of faith
naturalizes son if son remains in the
country.

D. A.—After having had first paper
a year, foreigner in Missouri may vote
for President.

ANXIOUS MOTHER.—If not adop-
ed by deed a child may be restored
to mother.

WOMAN READER.—Women's wages
may be garnished. Write Precinct
Attorney at Wayne County, Mich.

ANXIOUS.—You may marry imme-
diately after divorce, but beware! In-
Judge set aside decree. Wait a
week.

A. B. C.—In exceptionally meritorious
case court might not require divorce
costs and a generous lawyer will
volunteer.

I. O. W.—Law does not require pay
broker to hold article for any time.
May sell after 60 days. Local inter-
est per cent a month.

F. E. S.—The master should have
been advised to police the time. Police
Department. Do as you please
about reporting offender to employ-
ment.

F. E. S.—Not an employer is complicit
as much violation of the law as
machines in any other kind of
street means. Address of offender
Chief of Police.

D. B. T.—Be on the safe side.
author's consent to carry copyright
matter. Copyright is a quar-
ter of a century of old stuff that
may read almost as completely
modern.

TEN.—Notaries are appointed by
Governor. Write to Secretary of
State for more applications. If you
are not a citizen you cannot be
enlightened you as to what is meant
for a Notary Public. Expense to
come to \$25.

MARY.—As the Recorder is
quipped by law to know the age
of persons applying for naturalization
and the oath is possibly his only
of getting the truth, the cou-
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From a Trolley Post

While waiting for his car a man enjoys a little comedy that he has to go off and leave unfinished—wouldn't you have tarried for the end of it?

By Margaret Dodge.

THE man looked discouraged. As he stood on the corner of the avenue, his hands thrust into his overcoat pockets, his slouch hat pulled down over his eyes, he seemed to be posing for a statue of Resignation. For 15 minutes he had been facing a purely Bostonese combination of east wind and drizzling rain, while he waited for one of the electric cars billed to pass that corner every five minutes. There was no cab station within a mile, and his train left at the end of the town in half an hour. Besides, he lived in a city where east winds never blew, and where L. trains and cars whizzed by with clockwork regularity. Consequently, he possessed few resources for killing time on street corners. After he had read his paper, he looked over his memorandum book, and worn a path into the middle of the street by continued expeditions undertaken in hope of sighting the delayed car, he had backed up against the trolley post, and fixed his lusterless eyes upon the row of brown-stone apartment houses that lined the opposite side of the street.

Bud Was a Texan.

IN the third-story window of an apartment house diagonally opposite, a picturesque, black-eyed youngster stood drumming on the window pane and screwing out into the brick-paved street, on which the window opened, with a disapproval that matched that of the man at the trolley post.

Bud, too, was a stranger within the city's gates, and he, too, was tired waiting for luck to take a turn. He had grown up in Texas, where the sun shines for 350 days in the year, and where every day he could wander out upon the plains and kill something. And now he had come to this cold, dismal city where he had to wear shoes and a stiff suit, and stay in when the east wind blew. For two hours he had been waiting for the sun to come out, and he had almost reached the end of his resources.

Almost, but not quite. A moment later, as the resigned man watched the Texan standing with his nose flattened against the pane, his round, bright eyes peering down into the mist, he saw him open the window and, through the iron grating of the balcony, survey the scene below. Then, with a coltish leap, Bud disappeared into the room.

A moment later his agile little body again wriggled out onto the balcony. It was a small, rounded affair, filled with potted plants, and situated on a perpendicular line with similar balconies which belonged to the suites above and below. In the one immediately under that on which the small boy stood was placed among the geranium plants and India rubber trees a glass globe containing several large goldfish.

Handing out over the railing, Bud fixed his round eyes on the glass globe and chuckled. Then he looked cautiously into the room behind him. Apparently no one was in sight. Producing from the pocket of his small trousers a fish-line and hook, he proceeded to lower it until the dully baited hook fanned among the goldfish. There was a deft twist of the line, a splash, and a flop; something yellow and wiggling flashed through the air, and a moment later a large goldfish lay breathing its last in a big flower pot at the roots of an India-rubber tree.

The Man Forgets His Car.

ONCE more Bud chuckled. So did the man at the trolley post. He had now waited half an hour, but for the moment he had forgotten the east wind, the delayed car, and the

train he wanted to catch. Without loss of time, the boy again lowered his hook. Once, twice, three times the operation was repeated, and then the boy unlooped himself from the balcony and scraped one foot meditatively upon the other. Four quarters pound goldfish were now in the way of enriching the soil at the base of the India-rubber tree—and the stream was dried dry.

Did the balcony offer other worlds for this youthful Alexander? Apparently not, for after chewing up several choice geranium blossoms and practicing with his bean-shooter upon a draggled sparrow he turned to go.

The man at the trolley post frowned. Having seen two acts of a play, he objected to being cheated out of the third.

Just then, however, the little comedy was continued by two new actors. Around the corner appeared an Italian hand organist leading by a string a minute monkey gorgeously costumed in a green skirt, scarlet jacket and green and gold cap. As the melancholy Italian put down his instrument and began grinding out a tune his hairy attendant scampered across the pavement and began scrambling up the iron balconies of the tall apartment house in quest of pennies.

A yawning grin convulsed Bud's small features. Flinging his fish-line into a flower pot, he climbed through the window and disappeared. He was gone only a few moments, but when he returned he bore himself with a new air. A large sombrero sat jauntily upon his black curls; from his left arm hung a coil of rope, while his brown right hand brandished above his head the loop of a lasso. As he stood there motionless, the hand holding the lasso poised in the air, he looked a perfect pocket edition of a Texas cowboy. The man at the trolley post would have wagered a large sum that among the 35,000 small boys reported by the last census as living in Boston there wasn't another boy like Bud.

MEANTIME the organist had changed his tune, while the monkey had been making a triumphal progress up the iron balconies. His gorgeous uniform, acrobatic leaps, and hand-over-hand performances, together with his shrewd chatter and the graceful twirl with which he pocketed coppers, had attracted every child within a radius of four blocks. Pennies rained upon him like roses on a favorite prima donna, while the little fellow was not slow to collect the rich shower.

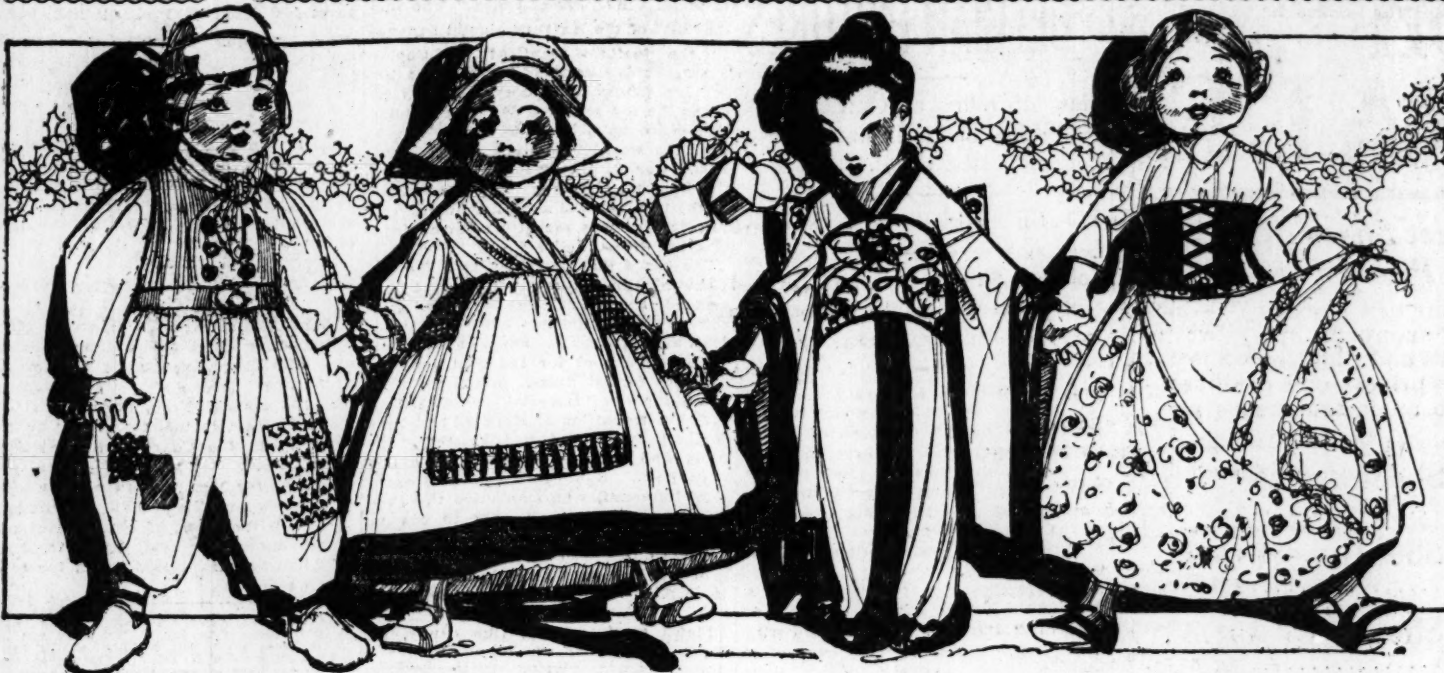
In Bud's absence he had traveled to the topmost balcony of the seven-story apartment house, and was now resting on the fourth on his downward progress, when his bright eyes caught sight of another offering that was being thrust through the window upon the second-story balcony of the next house by a child more retiring than his neighbors. This house stood on the other side of a common area, barely 15 feet wide, and the railing on which the offering lay was directly opposite to the one where the little beastie crouched, but some 10 feet below.

The monkey took in the situation with twinkling eyes. Then, after a brief chattered soliloquy, he humped his back and drew himself together ready for a spring.

By this time the man at the trolley post was breathless with excitement. To attempt to keep track of the boy and the monkey at the same time was like watching a circus with two rings. By a quick glance, however, he noted that while the monkey was gathering itself for the leap the boy was standing erect, his eyes fastened on the monkey, his fingers whirling the loop of the lasso above his head, with the apparent ease that means a deadly aim. Once, twice, the noose circled in the air; the monkey quivered with the impulse to spring; but just then the car arrived and the man missed the end of the play.

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Christmas Dollies for the Kiddies (Economy Talks) Drawn for the Post-Dispatch By ELEANOR SCHORER



THE fortunate child who has an indulgent mother or "bestest" friend around Christmas time may have a wonderful dolly, even though funds to buy it from the brilliant shop windows may be lacking.

These inexpensive dollies may be dressed after the fashion of the people of the Old World, both within and without the war zone, and the cost will be ridiculously low.

Sturdy, chubby Holland kiddies are the cutest things! Hans, in full pantalones, made of gingham or coarse woolen material and patched neatly at the knees and seat by his thrifty Dutch mamma, button over a sleeveless jacket. A bright-colored neckerchief, and soft cap atop his "Dutch cut" blond hair, and striped stockings showing between bulky shoes and baggy pants, make him typical of the peasantry of his native land. His little sister, "Gretchen," wears

shawl and apron, wide skirt of spotted muslin cap with a turned-back flap showing in points back of the ear. The little Oriental lady must be garbed in silk to convince one that she hails from sunny, luxuriant Japan. Her gown is just a miniature of your own kimono, and high up under her arms a wide, fancy ribbon sash spans and is tied in an enormous bow in the back. Not unlike her Holland-born sister's gown is the little peasant of Normandy.

Little touches of coquettish frills betray her as a native of the land of fastidious, beautiful damsels. Her full skirt, notice, is of flower-patterned material, her apron boasts a lace edge and her bodice laces with ribbons.

Though all come from far off countries, distant from us and from each other, Santa Claus will leave any or all of them in the gaping stocking of the dearest kiddy you know—if you ask him to dress them in fashions indicated.

the tiny pieces of candy which are made for this purpose.

Who's the best dancer in St. Louis?

CHAPTERS FROM A WOMAN'S LIFE

By Dale Drummond.

CHAPTER CVI.

TRUE to her promise, it was but a few days afterward when, hearing my name called, I saw the floor-walker plotting Mildred toward me. She was known in the store, and the other saleswomen were on the qui vive to know whether she had come to see me or to buy. In either case I knew they would resent it, so I turned to her as naturally as I could and asked her what she would like to see.

She looked at some coats, and finally, after much trying on—she was always hard to please—she selected one of the most expensive ones in stock and ordered it sent home. Of course I was pleased to have made the sale, as the floorwalker had hovered in the vicinity, listening and watching. After the coat had been sent to me wrapped she commenced to talk to me of other things. "I was in Lorraine's this morning," she told me, "and she told me you had treated her most shabbily!" She says you owe her an awful bill, and that you have made no effort whatever to pay her.

"I do owe her," I tried to keep my voice calm, "but it is not true that I have made no effort to pay her. What am I working for if it is not to make good wherever I can? I shall have until she is entirely paid up. That is the best I can do."

"Well, I hope you can pay her up soon. It's not very pleasant for me to have her insinuate that I am to blame for bringing you there. Why, this morning she was positively insulting!"

"I'm sorry, but I'm doing all I can at present."

"Mildred humbles me."

"THIS is an awful come down, Sue. Couldn't you have found some other thing else—something not so public, you know? It must be awful to be employed in a place where you used to stand on the other side of the counter." "Then with one of her quick changes," I told Ned you had heard from Jack, and he said he hadn't expected you; he doubted if you ever would. But, then, Ned is so pessimistic."

My cheeks burned. I trembled all over. Yet I must stand there and appear as though nothing mattered. Oh, why did Jack force Ned Somers' name? Just then a woman, a perfect crank whom all the clerks detested, insisted I should wait upon her. I never was more delighted to wait upon anyone, and after I had sold her a nice coat she said loud enough for the listening floorwalker as well as the clerks to hear:

"If more of the saleswomen were like you, miss, there would be more goods sold."

I felt that I had not deserved her praise, and had been more than usually gracious to her simply because of my relief at being able to get away from Mildred. I wondered all the rest of the afternoon how much longer I could stand it. Then came the thought, "It is a part of your punishment." And I determined to bear it as well as I could. I did truly try to forget the meeting with Mildred, but it nearly made me ill, and when I received a note from Ned asking me to come over and spend Sunday, with them I told her I would come, although I had intended studying I couldn't feel that it was wrong for me to work on Sunday under the conditions and was sure that Divine Justice would not condemn me.

Sunday morning I rose very early and went over and spent the entire day with Ned and Ramsey. They were so kind, seemed so really glad to see me. They even went so far as to let me just the things I was most fond of for dinner. I felt quite at peace again. They both went all the way home with me and left me much comforted and with new courage.

"I Hear Nothing From Jack."

NOW one day was much like another save when I had some disagreeable happening to mark them. The children were well and happy—both in school. Emelle in one of the grades and Jack Jr. in the kindergarten. They were doing nicely, mother wrote. And

Some New Recipes

Prize Mince Meat—3 pints chopped meat, 1 pint of chopped apple, 2 whole oranges; put them through meat chopper skins and all (take out seeds), 2 pints of sugar, 1 pint of molasses, 1 pint of cider, 1 pint strong coffee, salt to taste; use enough of the stock the meat was cooked in to make the mince moist, also all fat that was on meat; then 1 dessertspoon of ginger, cloves, allspice, nutmeg and mace, 1 pint of currants, 1 pint raisins and 1 pound citron. Set on back of stove and cook slowly for about two hours before packing away in quart preserve jars. When wanted for pies, if not moist enough, moisten with a little cold coffee.

Fish Soup—One pint of any boiled fish, one quart of milk, one sliced onion, one tablespoon butter, two tablespoons flour, one teaspoon salt, one teaspoon pepper.

Scrapie—Cook 1 pound of fresh pork until it drops from the bones. Pick the meat to pieces and strain the liquor, of which there should be one pint. Put the liquor and meat on to boil and thicken with Indian meal until it will harden enough when cold to cut up and fry in slices. Season the liquor with pepper and salt.

Christmas Gingerbreads—Beat two cups of molasses and a cup of softened butter in a bowl until they are well blended. To this add a cupful of sour milk; stir in also a quarter of a cupful of hot water, in which a level tablespoonful of baking soda has been dissolved. Add the grated rind of a lemon, a tablespoonful of cloves and ginger to taste; then stir in enough flour to make a stiff dough. Roll the dough very thin on a molding board and cut it into the desired shapes, such as toys, trees, Santa Claus, bells, stars or stockings. Put the pieces in a well-floured dripping pan and bake in a moderate oven. When the cakes are done, before they are altogether cold, frost lightly with pink or white frosting or add

"Do you suppose he would put Jack in jail?" "He may. He could if he desired to prosecute him. But I am inclined to think if Jack paid him he would forego his punishment."

"He is very bitter."

"Who told you so much about it, Susan?"

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"Oh, I see! You were rather intimate, weren't you?"

"Very, at one time. Mildred and I especially."

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The Thrift of Alonzo

Sandman Story of the Boy Who Succeeded by Working Hard, Keeping His Promises and Paying His Debts.

By Mrs. F. A. Walker.

ALONZO BURT, or Lon, as he was called, was 15 years old when his grandmother died. His grandmother had been poor, and they sold vegetables in the summer, but in the winter it had been very hard sometimes to get food enough for themselves and the old horse, Dick.

Lon had had a great deal on his shoulders for a little boy, for his grandmother had to be buried, and there was no money. He thought of selling Dick, but the horse was old, and Lon could not bear to think of one having to go and perhaps abusing him. So he had to keep the house, if he can, but he would not consent, for fear the boy could not pay for it.

But Lon had a plan in his mind, and he was determined to try it. "If I can get through the winter," he said, "I am sure I can make a living after that."

And one day Dick was harnessed again and Lon drove to the village carpenter shop. "I have no money," he told the carpenter, "but I want some lumber and I want you to help me repair my house. I can pay you in

two years, or you can take the house then; that is the best I can do. You take the job?" It was coming cold weather, there was little work to do, so the carpenter consented to do the work. Then Lon got enough hay and to carry Dick through the winter the same two-year promise.

How Lon had got through that winter he lived on the vegetables he had been able to save from the garden, and he did not suffer from cold, because he had plenty of wood, but he had little to eat besides the vegetables.

He worked on the house with the carpenter, and in the spring he painted it himself. His garden he planted early, and it yielded him a good crop.

The prices Lon received for his vegetables paid the carpenter before the summer was half over, and he was able to pay something on the carpenter's bill, as well as to the man who had supplied Dick with his winter food.

Lon saved a little to care for himself and Dick through the winter, and the carpenter took him to help on inside work as often as he could, so that by spring Lon had paid his debt to the carpenter in work.

That spring he planted a large garden, and bought a cow, promising to pay for it at the end of the summer. With his vegetables and milk, Lon made good profits, and at the end of the season he had enough to carry him through the winter comfortably.

But he went to work with the carpenter again, and he also studied nights, for now he did not have to go to bed to forget his hunger.

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HOW MEN DIE IN BATTLE SHOWN IN BELGIAN PICTURES

View of Films at Garrick Like
Sitting in Grandstand at
the Front.

TO BE HERE ALL WEEK

Soldiers Shot Down and Shells
Exploded as Operator Worked
His Machine.

Like a reserved seat on the battle line, without the peril incident to that point of vantage, is the view of one of the great scenes in the first and only moving pictures taken of the European war, being shown throughout this week, from 11 a. m. to 11 p. m. daily, at the Garrick Theater, for the benefit of the Post-Dispatch Christmas festival.

The spectator, as if he were only a few yards away, beholds a troop of Belgian infantrymen push forward with their rifles to occupy the crest of a hillside, near Antwerp. From their stooping, cautious positions one can vividly sense, although not hear, the humming of the deluge of bullets which is passing above and about them.

In this picture, not only realistic, but real, of modern warfare, there is none of the old-time splendor of the Swiss Guards receiving a charge of cavalry on their bayonets, or of the Old Guard galloping to its destruction at Waterloo. Instead, the soldiers creep forward stealthily, bent almost double, and carefully screen themselves behind every protection afforded by the contour of the ground.

For a moment one almost doubts the reality of their danger, for no foe is visible, and the Belgians fire apparently at nothing, with a sangfroid and deliberateness which suggests a sham combat. Then, suddenly, with a peal of the shock which can never be forgotten, the spectator sees his first man fall in battle; and there is brought home to him with a thrill of horror the fact that the figures on the screen are the shadows of real men in deadly hazard of their lives.

Man Falls, Shot in Side. Towards the rear of the line a soldier's arm, in plain view, abruptly jerks upward to the level of his shoulder. Then both arms are flung into the air and the body crumples down to the ground. A bullet has struck him in the side. In a moment Red Cross bearers, heedless of their own peril, are beside him, lift him upon a stretcher and bear him away.

An instant later there is a flurry in the front rank upon the hillside, the men fall apart, and from among them comes another stretched with its piteous burden. These two tragedies are an eloquent sermon upon the barbarity of war.

The man who braved the German shrapnel to afford St. Louis audiences an opportunity to see the fighting in Belgium as if with their own eyes is Edwin P. Wiggle, staff photographer of the Chicago Tribune. He took the pictures under an exclusive contract with the Belgian Government.

The dangers Wiggle underwent may be judged not only from the scene on the hillside, but from the fact that in another picture the camera caught the explosion of a German shell in a house which seems not more than 200 yards from the photographer. The walls of the house splash out in every direction and the ruins burst into flame.

Some Heartrending Scenes. The films depicting the flight of refugees from bombarded and burning Belgian cities are heartrending in their pathos. There are women stumbling along under the burden of the babies in their arms, and casting terror-stricken looks over their shoulders at the bombs exploding behind them. In one picture two lame women, to whose crutches panic has lent wings, stagger with mad haste across a bridge over which lies the way of escape.

Cities now famous in their destruction—Termonde, Alost, Malines—appear as empty streets flanked by the shells of buildings and cluttered with the bricks and stones thrown down by the enemy's artillery fire. Then a flood, spreading far and wide over once teaming fields, shows how the Belgians, with desperate heroism, opened the dikes and gave back their hard-earned lands to the waters of the sea, a few less dreaded than the German armies.

An interesting feature of the exhibition is that the legends on the films were written by Irvin S. Cobb, who went through parts of the campaigns in Belgium and Northern France, first with the Belgian troops and then as a guest of German staff officers.

E. J. Bliss New President Boston Chamber of Commerce. BOSTON, Dec. 15.—Elmer Jared Bliss, president and founder of the Regal Shoe Co., has been elected president of the Boston Chamber of Commerce, one of the largest commercial organizations in the world, representing a consolidation of the old Chamber of Commerce and the new Merchants' Association.

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Dr. MacCracken Eastern College Head BASTON, Pa., Dec. 15.—Dr. Henry MacCracken, formerly president of Westminster College, Fulton, Mo., yesterday was elected president of Lafayette College by the trustees to succeed Dr. Ethelbert D. Wardfield, resigned.

CHINESE AS "PROFESSOR" FOOLS HARVARD ALUMNI

Song of Imperial University of China; Laundryman Makes Hit at Banquet.

BOSTON, Dec. 15.—"Prof. Song of the Imperial University of China," who was the "hit" of the Harvard alumni banquet to the football team at the Copley Plaza, Friday evening, is back at his regular job in a laundry. But as he slides the flatiron over collars and cuffs at 2 cents each, he chuckles to himself over the way he deceived the Harvard men. For "Prof. Song" is not from the Imperial University at all, as many of the 1000 Harvard alumni thought. The "Professor" was recently released from Charles Street Jail.

The heads that combined to make the Harvard banquet a notable event had decided on the Chinese feature and coaxed the laundryman into the scheme. He was told what his name and position were to be, and for the first time he got into formal dress. When the time came for the "Imperial Professor" to give his impression of Harvard and Yale football, he was towed to the main table and got his signals. He didn't miss one. "Bob" Benchley, the Harvard humorist, who translated the Professor's remarks, had only to tug at the Chinese's sleeve for the Chinese to start talking. And a pinch on the forearm was the signal for "Prof. Song" to stop. Then Benchley interpreted.

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ACQUITTED OF SENDING "POISON PEN" LETTERS

Mrs. Margaret McCready of Ypsilanti, Mich., Finds Verdict.

DETROIT, Mich., Dec. 14.—Mrs. Margaret McCready of Ypsilanti has been found not guilty by a jury here of sending "poison pen" letters through the mail to married men and women. Mrs. McCready, who is a nurse, faintly when the verdict was announced. More than 20 "poison pen" letters, of a character which made them unmailable, were sent to residents of Ypsilanti. Trouble in a number of families was said to have been caused by the letters.

New Jersey Woman Letter Writer Fined \$100.

ELIZABETH, N. J., Dec. 15.—Mrs. Nelson L. Pollard of 114 Madison avenue, who has been accused of sending villainous letters to well-known men and women of this place, was fined \$100 each on two indictments by Judge Connolly in the Court of Special Sessions.

Counsel for Mrs. Pollard made a plea for clemency on the ground that the letters were the work of a person of affected mind. He said that Mrs. Pollard had been in a sanitarium for several weeks.

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CONSTITUTIONAL CONVENTION FOR MISSOURI URGED

Code Revision Commission Makes Recommendation in Unanimous Report to Governor.

COURT REFORM IS SOUGHT

Improved Legal Machinery Needed; Help for St. Louis Appeals Bench Proposed.

From a Special Correspondent of the Post-Dispatch.

JEFFERSON CITY, Dec. 15.—All 15 members of the Code Revision Commission signed and sent to Gov. Major today their report, in which they recommend that he call a constitutional convention to revise the Constitution of Missouri so that the judiciary and the legal machinery of the State may be made responsive to needs which have changed greatly since the adoption of the code more than three-quarters of a century ago.

The calling of a constitutional convention is imperative, the commission points out, because the state which all constitutional amendments submitted to the voters in recent years have met, proves that the people are opposed to changing the organic law by piecemeal.

Aid for St. Louis Courts.

The report recommends that three commissioners be added to the St. Louis Court of Appeals for the next two years, to enable it to catch up with its docket. It also suggests that several counties be taken from the jurisdictions of the St. Louis and Kansas City Courts of Appeal and added to that of the Springfield court.

The commissioners unanimously urge that the State be redistricted into new circuits and that the salaries of all judges be revised.

"We believe we have too many courts," said the commission, in recommending a constitutional convention. "Multiplicity of courts creates confusion and loss of judicial efficiency, with consequent increased expense to the State and litigants."

"To accomplish a reasonable reorganization and unification of our courts, and to effect a number of the vital and most desired changes in our procedure, we are of the opinion that provision should be made for a constitutional convention in the near future."

Higher Salaries for Judges.

The report recommends higher salaries for judges and calls attention to the wide discrepancy between salaries paid judges of the various courts, with the comment, "Its incongruous inequalities are apparent on the face of it."

Judges of the Supreme Court receive \$4000 per year. Judges of the St. Louis Court of Appeals receive \$5000. Judges of the Kansas City Court of Appeals receive \$3000 and \$1000 additional for writing a syllabus of their opinions. Judges of the Springfield Court receive \$3500. Circuit Judges of St. Louis receive \$5000 and Judges of the same rank in Jackson County are paid \$5000. Circuit Judges in the country districts receive a salary of \$2500 and \$1200 for traveling expenses.

FATHER LOSES FIGHT FOR GIRL

Judge Lets Grandmother Keep Alvena Wagner, 5 Years Old.

Judge Hiltchcock today refused to grant a writ of habeas corpus sought by Jacob J. and Lulu Wagner of 2213 Caline street, demanding that Mrs. Margaret Reszbec of 303 Geyer avenue produce in court Alvena Wagner, the 5-year-old daughter of the first petitioner. Mrs. Reszbec is the child's grandmother and has had her in charge since the death of Wagner's first wife, in 1911.

Two years ago Wagner married again and recently has sought to regain possession of his daughter. He told the court that he has not contributed to the support of the child. He called as a witness the Rev. George W. King of Markham Memorial Presbyterian Church, who testified that the second Mrs. Wagner had been his assistant in church work for several years and is trained in the care of children.

Judge Hiltchcock asked the minister directly, however, what he would do in the case if he were Judge, considering the good care given the child by the grandmother and the father's long seeming lack of interest, and the minister replied that he guessed he would let the child remain with her grandmother.

The court then refused the writ, but told Wagner he could see his daughter at stated times if in the future he contributed \$2 weekly to her support.

SLAYER OF PRINTER SAYS HE IS GLAD HE STABBED HIM

HANNIBAL, Mo., Dec. 15.—Frank Chapman, who confessed yesterday that he fatally wounded Lee Ashford, a printer, who he says attacked him, will be given a hearing Thursday on a charge of murder in the first degree.

"I am glad of it," Chapman declared in his confession. He asserted that Ashford followed him into an alley and struck at him and that he stabbed Ashford in the neck in self-defense.

Ashford died last night.

Five Mines Active Again.

DOOD CITY, Ark., Dec. 15.—Interest in the mining again is being taken in this vicinity, and two cars of ore will be shipped this month. W. A. Childs and C. Fitzsimmons are at work on the Governor Eagle mine and have out early a carload of high grade Jack ore. Lon Morrow and W. A. McCurry are at work on the Onawa property and are now hauling a car of silicate ore to the depot at Yellville, where it will be loaded out.

Watch Post-Dispatch for excellent rooms to rent and apartment vacancies.

HURT IN A 20-FOOT FALL

John Klesner, 55 years old, of 4519 Blair avenue, president of the John Klesner Feed Co., at 4325 North Broadway, is in a serious condition at St. Luke's Hospital, as a result of a fall at his feed store yesterday afternoon. When on the second floor he stepped on a loose board, which gave way, and he fell 20 feet to the first floor. Klesner's left arm and right knee cap were broken. His face and head were cut and he was injured internally.

30 DAYS FOR STEALING PAPERS

CHICAGO, Dec. 15.—Harold Miller was arraigned before Judge Gaverly today, charged with stealing newspapers from the doorway of a drug store. He pleaded guilty and said he could not get work. He was sentenced to 30 days in the Bridewell and to pay \$10 costs.

"Be lenient with him, Judge," pleaded the druggist.

"But this is the meanest kind of a theft," said the Judge. He vacated the fine, but allowed the sentence to stand.

HAWK WOULD NOT BE A PET

HORTON, Ky., Dec. 15.—Dr. Hettig took Joe Lindsay, Frank Dorel and Ed Davis out on a hunting trip and, coming home, Davis shot a hawk, crippling one wing so the bird couldn't fly. He brought it to town with the idea of making a pet out of it, but the hawk thought different. It chewed up everything it could reach in Lindsay's drug store, and when Ed took it out in the street it chased him half a block. The bird had a five-foot stretch of wing, and was so wild and fierce it had to be killed.

Women Freed of Shoplifting Charge

Mrs. Fannie Bodright, 47 years old, and her daughter-in-law, Mrs. Catherine Colla, both of 2854 Westminster place, who were arrested in the Famous-Barr store yesterday afternoon on a charge of shoplifting, were later released at the request of one of the managers of the store, after they had returned the articles.

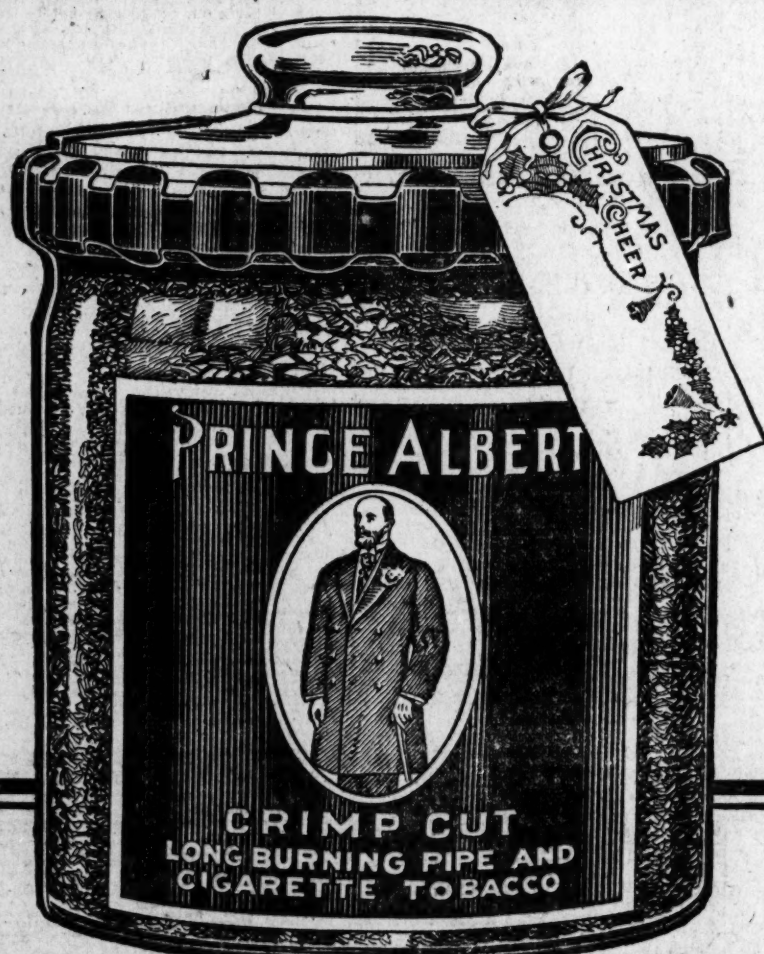


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Persons Who Object to Swearing Don't Always Include "the Curse of Gold"

EDWARDS, CLARKE, TOPS ALL FEDERAL OFFERS

Pittsburg Nationals Seek to Lure Back From Feds Their Wandering First Sacker.

OTHER JUMPERS DUBIOUS

Organized Baseball Is Dangling Money Bait in Effort to Win Disloyal Ones.

TODAY'S DEVELOPMENTS IN THE BASEBALL WAR

DEVELOPMENTS in the baseball war yesterday might be epitomized as follows: Koney considers Clarke's offer to return to Pirates as increase over Fed salary. Jimmy Austin accepts terms for two-year contract with Pittsburgh. McGraw announces that he doesn't intend to trade for Doherty, St. Louis. Koney still has hopes of signing Lobert to play third base. Brooklyn Feds refuse to return Lee Magee to the Cardinals on request of Manager Huggins. Washington club, contemplating a loan year with Walter Johnson among the missing, unconditionally releases Germany Schaefer, the club's clown. He was purely ex-

President Gilmore of the Federal League fails to interest Col. Jacob Ruppert Jr. in buying the Kansas City franchise and transferring it to New York. Ruppert, on the other hand, closed deal for Yankees.

By W. J. O'Connor.

Organized baseball season, carrying ammunition belts loaded with gold shells, are at this minute executing well-conceived raids on the scattered ranks of the Federal League.

The first sortie was made by that corsair chief, Fred Clarke, who called yesterday on Ed Koney, his former first sacker, who has signed a three-year, nonexclusive contract with the Pittsburgh outlaws. Koney today explained Clarke's mission to the Post-Dispatch as follows: "Clarke says he wants me to return to organized baseball and he will top the figure I received from Rebel Oakes. He also will give me cash in hand to return to the Yankees."

Koney is wavering. He fancies the idea of playing in New York and says he has assurance from Clarke that the Giants are willing to make a deal. He's certainly under no illusion that he doesn't care to continue in the employ of the Pittsburgh National League club.

O. B. Is After Jumpers.

But the salient feature of the whole transaction is that Clarke, who yesterday was eminently satisfied with his proposition from Oakes, now seriously considers a return to the organized fold. He says that Clarke advised him that organized baseball was ready to pay him more every jumper, paying a bigger price than the Federal League would fight this war to the bitter end.

The Federal League officials are not resting on their oars, however. When the Post-Dispatch exclusively announced in its late editions yesterday that Clarke and Koney were in conference here, an official of the St. Louis Fed team immediately wired to President Gilmore, advising him of the facts. Gilmore, then in French Lick, Ind., began preparations to meet Oakes at Chicago on Wednesday, for a conference with Koney.

Feds Hard at Work.

The Feds realize that they have a fight on their hands to hold the men who already have jumped. But they hardly take seriously the present scheme of attack.

"You probably have noticed," said Willie Johnson, business manager of the local Feds, "that every ballplayer that organized baseball aims to snare them is being lured away from us."

This alluring offer of a position under McGraw has been held out to no less than seven players in the last two weeks, and in face of the fact that McGraw is limited next summer to 21 men, I can't see how he will take care of them all.

"When the word's out came to an end last spring, the St. Louis Feds would have signed Lee Magee only for the fact that Lee was lured from them by the offer of a position with McGraw."

At Kenosha—Charlie White knocked out Jimmy Murphy of Chicago in the second round. A right hook to the jaw turned the trick. Murphy outclassed.

At London—Sergeant Basham won the British welter title last night by knocking out Johnny Summers in the ninth round. Summers former lightweight champion and holder of the Lonsdale belt.

At Buffalo—Mike Gibbons outpointed Knockout Brennan last night in a 10-round bout.

At New Orleans—Frankie Burns beat Chick Hayes last night, the referee stopping the bout in the thirteenth round.

At Peoria—Milburn Saylor knocked out Harry Donahue in the ninth round last night.

At Philadelphia—Johnny Kilbane abashed Willie Houck in a six-round bout last night.

Illinois U. to Meet Berkeley.

URBANA, Ill., Dec. 15.—Twenty track athletes of the University of Illinois will be sent to Berkeley, Cal., during the Easter vacation to meet the University of California in a dual meet. This was decided on today by the Athletic Board of Control, which formally accepted the invitation from California. Expenses of the trip will be paid by the coast university.

Try a "Losing Hazard," to Win at English Billiards

A "Long Jennie" Is Also Very Useful in Side-Stepping the Short End of the String, as the Cue Game Is Played on British Tables.

ENGLISH billiards, recently introduced in St. Louis, is popular even with the Germans. The one table in town has been almost in continual use since its arrival, and although the tax is 75 cents an hour, against 50 cents for the American table, the knights of the green cloth are in a receptive mood for more tables. In a few weeks Melbourne, champion of England, will play here against Willie Hoppe, but instead of the game being strange to the local fans there will be many in the gallery who can shoot a good stick.

Not the least fascinating feature of the latest importation is the intricate scoring system. Charlie Peterson has prepared for the Post-Dispatch the correct scoring rules, but he prefaced the same with an interpretation of the expressions used by the English players. The vernacular of the English game and its American equivalent might be epitomized as follows:

To spring—Banking for opening shot.
A cannon—A carom.
A white winning hazard—Pocketing your opponent's ball.
A white losing hazard—Pocketing your cue ball off the white ball.
A red winning hazard—Pocketing the red ball.
A red losing hazard—Pocketing your cue ball off the red.

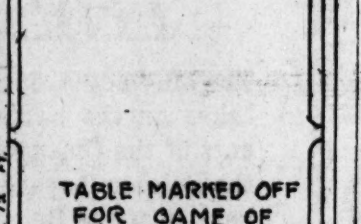
Queer Scoring Features.

Points are scored as follows: for a cannon or white hazard, 3; for a red hazard, 2; for two white hazards, 4; for two red hazards, 4; for two hazards, one for a cannon and two white hazards, 6.

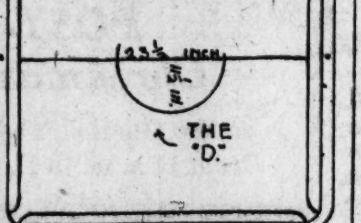
The maximum number of points for a single stroke is 10, same being to pocket red, white and your cue ball off the red.

The game is played on a 6x12 table, which is devoid of diamonds, but contains at either end two white dots, which constitute a balk line. The opening shot always is a balk for safety, the red ball being placed on spot, while the cue ball must be shot from a "D" described on the balk line at the other end of the table.

TABLE MARKED OFF FOR GAME OF ENGLISH BILLIARDS



THE "D"



The object of the first shot is to get both the red and your cue ball into a balk, thereby forcing your opponent to bank for his first shot. There are certain penalties attached to the game, as follows: For failing to hit a ball, forfeit one point; your opponent counts. Knocking your cue ball off the object ball off the table, two points. Missing the object ball and going into a pocket, known as "running the cue," three points. A lucky shot is called a "snook," not a scratch.

Peterson has illustrated certain famous shots. Inman's pet play is the red hazard, pocketing his cue ball off the red, a play that he ran 137 points on.

St. L. U. Basket

Star Ineligible to Face Pikers

Hord Hardin, "Strongest Player on Keogan's Five, Will Be Missed in Big Game.

With but three days intervening before the inaugural game of the season, the tracas with the McKendree College eleven of Lebanon, Ill., at Muegge's Gymnasium, Friday afternoon, the St. Louis University basketball five is going through its final paces for Coach George Keogan.

The team has been at work since the close of the basketball season and for such a limited practice period is in excellent shape.

Coach Keogan is elated with hopes of a successful season. On the team are two of the best-known basket tossers in the city under "Dutch" Althaus and Hord Hardin.

Hardin, who is a former high school and Army player, while Hardin started in the City League several years ago. He, however, will not be allowed to play against Washington, as he is a freshman. The team will practice this afternoon at Muegge's.

With several weeks before the first game, Coach Bob Thomas is taking matters easy with his squad of Piker basketball. He has been practicing the team since last night for practice, among them Milford and Potthoff, football stars.

Prizefighter No Brute, Abe Attell Replies in Divorce Suit Answer

OMAHA, Neb., Dec. 15.—Abe Attell, former featherweight champion pugilist whose wife yesterday started divorce proceedings in Chicago, announced today that he would contest the case because the charge made "I would not have made a contest if I was going to show that a prizefighter need not be a brute in his family."

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AL GILBERT WILL GET SEVERE TEST IN BOUT TONIGHT

Eastern Boxers Say Dorsey Ought to Take Measure of St. Charles Scrapper.

Tonight's Boxing Card.
Program of boxing at the future CITY Athletic Club for tonight:
Main Event—"Bant" Dorsey of Albany, N. Y., vs. Al Gilbert of St. Charles, Mo., 8 rounds, weight 125 pounds.
Semi-Final—Johnny King of Chicago vs. Paddy Kelly of St. Louis, 8 rounds at 125 pounds.
Preliminary—Archie McLeod vs. "The Dakota Kid," 8 rounds at 125 pounds.
Preliminary—Frank Baker vs. Sil Schaefer, 4 rounds at 135 pounds.

By Harry S. Sharpe.

Referee of the Future City A. C. and the Post-Dispatch's Boxing Authority. Bant Dorsey and Al Gilbert are reported to be in good condition for their setto tonight and those who have been watching the man in their workouts expect a good bout.

Dorsey is a clever boxer with a lot of ring experience, but nearly all of his work has been confined to the gymnasium. He has been with little known of him, except to those who follow the game. Gilbert, on the other hand, is a very confident he will be returned the winner. He has seen Dorsey in action on several occasions, and is satisfied in his own mind that he can beat the Easterner.

Gilbert is a clever boxer, has the punch, and may spring a surprise by defeating Dorsey, who is being groomed for the title. One thing certainly in Dorsey's favor is the fact that "Dutch" Brandt, the New York bantam who recently boxed a 10-round bout with Bantamweight Champion Kid Williams, puts the O on the Easterner's ability and predicts that he will make a "hit" with those who see him in action tonight.

Johnny King, who meets Paddy Kelly, is a good boxer, and so is Kelly. With a pair like this mixing it is almost a certainty of good entertainment. On a number of occasions King has been outpointed in the local ring, but he has never been out of a fight. Kelly seems to have a very good chance to win, but he will have to be on his toes, for there is no doubt in Kelly's mind that he is a better fighter than King. It would not be at all surprising if this bout were the best of the evening.

King is not only a hard hitter, but is a good boxer, and is able to take plenty of punishment. It is a pity that he was knocked down 7 times in a bout some years ago, and then won.

The "Big Train" having jumped the track, Conductor Fred Clarke has appeared in the ring, and an exciting wrestling match is being staged between him and a local champion.

It's a Long Way Around, Now.

However, a pretty fair troupe could still be built around Nick Altrock.

As a step towards the suppression of public pests and useless noisemakers, the suggestion that the cold bath be compulsory for all who are employed in the city, is a very good one. It would be a good idea to have a cold bath at the end of each day's work, and to have a cold bath at the end of each day's work.

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SPORT SALAD BY L.C. DAVIS

On the Job.

WHO is the kiddie's patron saint? Old Sanny. Who brings the presents where they ain't? Old Sanny.

Who is the guy they call St. Nick? Old Sanny. Who is it that thinks he's got darn' slick? Old Sanny.

Who is it with a popgun hunts and pulls the most peculiar stunts, in four different stores at once? Old Sanny.

Who is the greatest man in town? Old Sanny. Who is it that never turns us down? Old Sanny.

Who is it that anticipates when Johnnie's men are in the street? Old Sanny. Who brings, instead, a book he hates? Old Sanny.

Who is the man of kindly deeds? Old Sanny. Who is it that never needs? Old Sanny.

Who is it that fills our stockings full of ropes that smell like burning wool or gutta serena, when we pull? Old Sanny.

The Daily Pill.

There is nothing new under the sun.—Joe Miller.

We had the pleasure of sharing our meals in car 124 on the F&M avenue line this morning, with our old friend Col. Zero weather. The Colonel seemed rather cool and resisted all our efforts to thaw him out.

See where Col. Jake Ruppert has purchased the Yankees. That makes two Colonels for the American League, Col. Bob and Col. Jake. Makes a major league.

So Jimmy Austin has jumped. This will be sad news for the base-runners, but it is a relief to the American League who used to linger at second base only long enough to catch their breath.

Well, now that the Billikens have been added to the dark horse class, what are they going to do with it?

Herman Schaefer, the senior member of the well-known team of sketch artists, Schaefer and Altrock, has been named by the American League as the top-liner gone and the German comedian first. It is a pity that he will have to run in the trained dogs and movies.

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Austin's Leap a Blessing, Rickey's Telegram Says

Manager of Browns Adds That He Thinks His Team Will Be All the Stronger in 1915.

When apprised of the fact that his star bally-hoo man, James Austin, keeper of the pepper box, had taken the hurdle into the Federal League, Manager Rickey of the Browns, yesterday admitted this telegram from Houston, Tex.:

"I personally consider Austin a good player; but blessings sometime come in disguise. I still believe the Browns will be a better ball club in 1915."

Does Branch mean that Austin's jump will strengthen the Browns? Is it a case of sour grapes or has the Brown boss failed to make his meaning clear?

One thing is sure: Austin's jump didn't throw Rickey into a fit of jealousy; but there are those in St. Louis who fear that Austin will be missed.

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The Jarr Family

By ROY L. MCCARDELL

Mr. Jarr is Made an Accomplice in the "Maiden Martyr" Production.

"It's an old spectacular drama of the days of Nero. I think it was originally written at about that time," explained Mr. Harold Dog-story, Prince of Press Agents. "The managers won't touch a big spectacle or a musical show, as a general thing; but now that Old Man Smith will back it, so his wife can go on the stage, we can all have our cakes this winter."

"You don't mean to tell me you are going to let my boss lose his good money in backing a play with his wife, who has had no stage experience, in the leading role, just to satisfy her foolish vanity? I'll put him wise!" retorted Mr. Jarr viciously.

"Every knock is a boost," replied the press agent, calmly. "If his wife wants to go on the stage, and he has the money, all you can do or say will not help any. He will only be sore at you, if it's a bloomer, for telling him so beforehand. Besides, who can tell if it will be a bloomer? I have seen the best plays, written by the best authors and played by the best players, die standing up. It's a gamble. Mrs. Mudridge-Smith might be a big hit. The Maiden Martyr has been peddled around by Morace Grindman and has been refused by so many managers that it's likely to be just what the public wants."

"Besides, it has a big punch scene, where the Maiden Martyr is thrown into a den of lions. It may be the biggest hit in years. I've seen such things."

"Besides, I've got to live. And a man like me can't live, doing publicity for a film. I've been press agenting big morning picture productions all this season, and there is no excitement in it. You might as well be getting publicity for a new process vacuum cleaner."

"Does a film kick for the best dressing room? Does a film refuse to make the next town unless it has a drawing room on the sleeping car? Does a film pull any temperamental stuff and demand that its husband shall or shall not travel with the show? Does a film care what other films are on the program? Does a film present you with a diamond-studded and suitably inscribed watch if it gets fine notices and have you canned it if it doesn't? No! Henceforth I will live for my art! I will not throw away the best of the most fertile imagination in the publicity profession on an insensate, unappreciative, inarticulate film!"

"Well, I think it's a joke, a cruel and costly joke, on this misguided, silly woman, Clara Mudridge-Smith; and on her old husband, who will throw away a lot of good money on the proposition," Mr. Jarr insisted.

"Don't you worry," Mr. Dog-story retorted. "A boob is never happy unless he is losing money in some business. He knows nothing about it. I'll get my salary till the thing blows up, the Beagles will get their salaries and commissions, and if it is a success they'll have part of the show. The man who has the lions on his hands will get a bunch of coin, less the commission he has to give to the Beagles. Besides, if your boss saves his money by refusing to back the show, will you get any of it? Will you? No! Then let your motto be 'Live and Let Live' and May Beagles With Bank Rolls Share Them With Those

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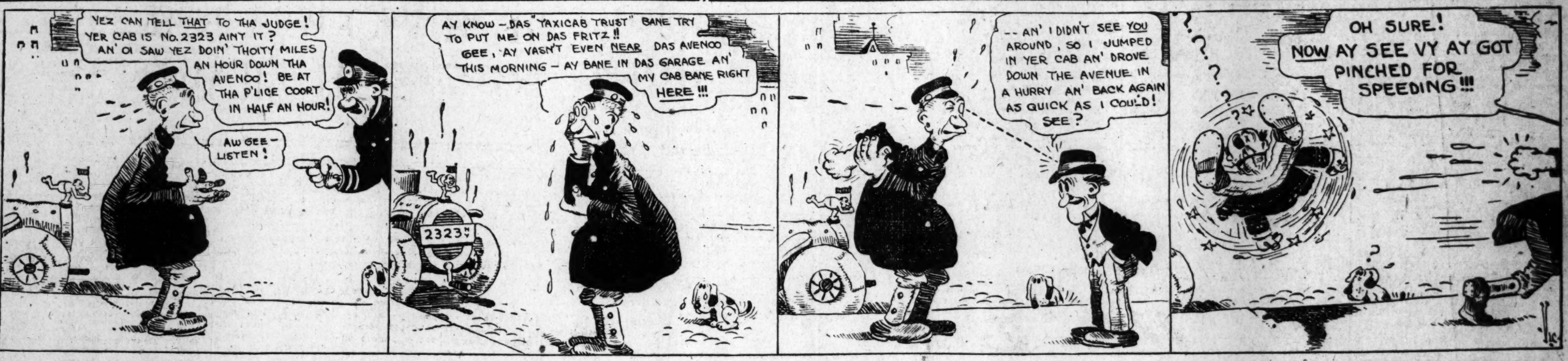
Maybe He Won't Break the Next One!

Drawn for the Post-Dispatch By C. M. PAYNE.



Now Wouldn't It Have Been Better if Axel Had Made Flooey Pay the Fine?

Drawn for the Post-Dispatch By VIC.



Who Can Get Them to Loosen Up?

"Will you tell me how Mrs. Mudridge-Smith can act when she's never had any experience?" asked Mr. Jarr. "Does a martyr maiden have to act?" replied Mr. Dog-story. "All she'll have to do is to moan and tremble-stage fright will do that for her—when the tyrant Nero orders her to the lions. Then there will be a dark-change scene from the palace of Nero to the lion's den in his private lion garage. Then Narcissa, the martyr maiden, will be shown walking in among the lions and will be just about to be devoured when Parsnips, the patrician amateur gladiator, will save her. Lights! Music! Effect! Success!"

"Do you mean to tell me Mrs. Clara Mudridge-Smith will enter a cage of live lions, vain as she is and stage-struck as she is?" asked Mr. Jarr. "Leave it to us," said Mr. Dog-story. "We'll fake it and get the effect. Besides, these lions are so old they have to be fed hamburger steak. Come, don't be a knocker! Boost!"

So Mr. Jarr was coaxed into being a party in fulfilling the stage aspirations of a stage-struck amateur. But something told him!

Hits From Sharp Wits.

A man may be slow but sure, but slowness does not guarantee sureness.

When a welcome is worn out there is no replacing it with a new one.—Deseret News.

Who says cutting things and afterward explains that he didn't mean them hurts feelings just the same.

Many a man who sits around a gas grate and sighs for the good old days used to have to split kindling at night and get up at 5:30 in the morning to start the fire.—Toledo Blade.

What is made to look to you like a sure thing is more likely to be sure for the other fellow.—Albany Journal.

As a general thing, the kind of man who depends on luck for his living boards at a cheap place.—Galveston News.

Giggles From Puck

Why Men Leave Home.
Harley (just arrived): Gee, but the air in this flat is dopey, Clara. Mrs. Harley: Maybe it's due to the steam hitting the pipe.

Home Strategists.
"The armies are going into winter quarters."
"Yes, they are moving in from the porch to the cracker boxes around the stove."

An Important Line.
The House Manager: I see you use that old stall—I know what I'll do. While waiting for Percy I'll practice my little song and dance." Cut it out. The Rough Soubrette: Great Heavens, man! I gotta have some excuse for my specialty.

Reciprocity.
Very Sparingly-Gowned Lady (in jewelry store): I want to see your pins. Man Cl-k: That's only fair. I can see yours.

Sob Stuff.
Society Daddy: My son, it is the dearest wish of my heart to see you divorced and settled down before I die! Society Son: But, dad, I could hardly do that on my income, with all money as high as it is now!

A Natural Mistake.

"What sort of a school is 'Leaser Tudwinker's niece goes' to, up to the city?"
"A Controversy of Music, I believe they call it, she's learnin' to be a choir singer."

Often if one does as his friends want him to do he is done.

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